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TO: Coal File

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RE: Sediment Ponds 009, Hardscrabble Canyon, Price River Coal Company, Price River Complex, ACT/007/004, #2, Carbon County, Utah

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOG M) personnel Joseph C. Helfrich, Tom Wright, James R. Fricke and Holland Shepherd met with Ken Hutchinson, Price River Coal Company (PRCC), on February 26, 1986 to inspect the sediment ponds (009) in Hardscrabble Canyon.

The ponds were found to be short-circuiting and in an unstable condition. The upper cell was receiving some runoff, approximately .05 cfs, which was piping through the embankment separating the two cells. The lower cell was receiving less than 10 percent of the flow from the upper cell. It is not known at this time where the balance of the runoff was going.

The piping condition was recognized on September 12, 1985 in a site visit by Jim Fricke. It was pointed out to Mr. Hutchinson but his response was that he was not worried about it. On September 12, 1985, the piping hole was approximately six inches by six inches, this area is larger now, approximately 6 inches by 18 inches.

It is recommended that an impervious liner be installed in both pond cells.

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