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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
(P 402 458 629)

Mr. Richard Allison
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Castle Gate Coal Company
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Dear Mr. Allison:

Re: Response to Division Informational Request, Surface Drainage Inflow Into Exhaust Portal # 3, Castle Gate Coal Company, Price River Complex, ACT/007/004-86A, Folders #3 & 7, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of Castle Gate Coal Company's October 14, 1986 response to David Lof's request for additional information regarding surface drainage inflow into the No. 3 portal exhaust. Your letter indicates that surface runoff from an 0.8 acre pad area flows into the exhaust portal. No flow is directly diverted into the portal, only sheet flow drains into the portal where it ultimately dissipates by evaporation. You state that no water has ever had to be pumped out of the portal and that this situation has existed for many years.

You have updated Exhibit 3.3-4a to show the 0.8 acre pad area which drains toward the portal. UMC 817.55(g) requires that water diverted into an underground mine from the surface must receive MSHA approval. Castle Gate Coal Company must demonstrate that this requirement has been met before the area in question can be determined in compliance with this regulation.

If possible, please supply the Division with the required information to correct this deficiency by January 12, 1987. Please contact me, Susan Linner or David Lof should you have remaining questions. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this permitting action.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor/
Reclamation Hydrologist

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