



**CASTLE  
GATE**  
COAL COMPANY

November 23, 1987

Mr. Lowell Braxton  
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84180

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Dear Mr. Braxton:

Castle Gate Coal Company has been ordered by the Mine Safety and Health Administration to abate a potential safety problem adjacent to the #3 Portal entrance. This problem needs to be addressed as soon as possible. (See Attachment A)

\* The permit area was originally thought to be below the highwall area of the portal. However, after a closer scrutiny of the area, I now believe that the disturbed area permit boundary now lies above the highwall. I base this on the accompanying map 3.3-3, which shows the boundary above the existing highwall. If this is your opinion also, then no additional permit amendment will be needed. Therefore, I am requesting a decision by the division as to whether the highwall is already enclosed within the disturbed area boundary.

Castle Gate Coal will abate the potential safety problem by draping woven wire fence over the highwall and constructing a chain link fence below the area. The draping will be done by hoisting men in a telescoping lift. The wire curtain will be held in place by pins drilled into the rock face. No heavy equipment will be moved to the top of the highwall. Therefore, the disturbance to the existing ground will be minimal.

\* I believe he's confused with regard to a boundary change vs amendment

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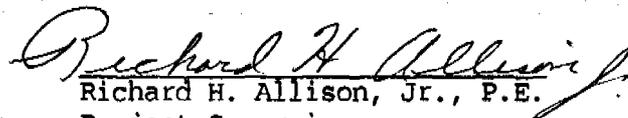
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The area which needs protection is 250' long by 30' wide (.17 acre).  
The two photos show the area which will be draped with wire mesh.  
Attachments "B" and "C" are highlighted to show the area.

Please respond as soon as possible as to the Division's decision on the  
location of the disturbed area boundary in this area and whether a  
permit amendment is necessary.

Sincerely,

  
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Project Supervisor

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Attachments 4

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