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Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Federal Programs Division (FPD) has received the enclosed mid-term review comments from the Albuquerque Field Office (AFO). Their comments reflect a review of the inspection and enforcement record for the Castlegate Coal Company's (CCC) Price River Complex mine (UT-007a).

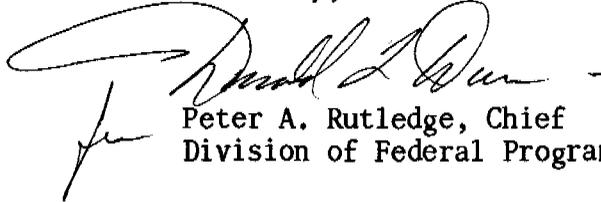
OSMRE's (FPD and AFO) comments for the mid-term review of the Price River Complex mine are itemized below.

1. A revised runoff control plan is needed to address drainage and sediment control problems associated with the access road and haulroad leading to the Stoker loadout area. The plan should be adequate to demonstrate that channels can convey design storm flows without erosion occurring and that effluent limitations will be met for design storm discharges from sedimentation control structures. The Company's submissions of February 2, and March 11, 1987 address this issue and OSMRE has concurred with DOGM's approval of these non-substantial changes. DOGM should discuss the approved changes with AFO to ensure that they adequately address all of AFO's concerns observed on the site. If AFO agrees that the approved changes are adequate, this problem is considered fully resolved.
2. A plan for snow removal from roads within the permit area should be requested from CCC.
3. Utah DOGM should determine if market/production estimates for the short term dictate the need to require CCC to initiate stabilization practices associated with temporary cessation of mining.

4. AFO has questioned the effectiveness of erosion stabilization practices and the overall stability of the coarse-refuse stockpile. Utah DOGM should reconsider their earlier technical evaluations for these components of the coarse-refuse stockpile to determine if revisions to the permit should be requested from CCC.
5. A review of the permit conditions (attachment II) to the permit approved October 19, 1984, indicates that all conditions have been satisfied to OSMRE's satisfaction. The permit condition (Attachment A) associated with the permit transfer approved on May 13, 1986, is not yet satisfied and OSMRE is not aware of the status of the appeal or of any responsibility regarding abatement/penalty assessment that may have been imposed upon Heavener Coal Company. OSMRE requests that the status of the appeal or the outcome if complete, be reported to OSMRE in completion of this mid-term review.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Vernon Maldonado or Richard Holbrook at (303) 844-2451.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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