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United States Department of the Interior
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April 14, 1987

Re: 4441
UT-007

Mr. Lowell P. Braxton, Administrator
Mineral Resource Development and Reclamation Program
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
355 West North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Mr. ^{Lowell} Braxton:

The Federal Programs Division (FPD) has received the enclosed mid-term review comments from our Albuquerque Field Office (AFO). Their comments reflect a review of the inspection and enforcement record for the Willow Creek mine (UT-007(b)).

A permit transfer from Price River Coal Company to Castlegate Coal Company was approved by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement in May 1986. In accordance with that permit transfer, Castlegate Coal Company submitted a performance bond in the amount of \$2,683,603.00. FPD recommends that a revised bond be posted for the outstanding reclamation to be completed by Price River Coal Company at their Willow Creek mine site. FPD should be provided a copy of the revised bond with the United States of America identified as co-obligee.

Any other Federal agency comments received will also be forwarded to your office. Please contact Vernon Maldonado or Richard Holbrook at 844-2451 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ranvir Singh
Ranvir Singh, Chief
Federal Lands Branch

Enclosure

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*See: see attached
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DIVISION OF
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Memorandum

To: Allen D. Klein, Acting Chief
Division of Federal Programs

From: Robert H. Hagen, Director
Albuquerque Field Office

Subject: Midterm Review of the Willow Creek Mine,
INA/007/002

In response to a memo dated February 10, 1987, from Richard Holbrook, requesting assistance for a midterm review of the Price River Coal Company's Willow Creek Mine, the Albuquerque Field Office (AFO) has conducted a thorough review of the inspection file. Results of the review indicate that the permittee is generally in compliance with his approved mine reclamation plan. Reclamation activities appear to be progressing in a timely manner. Review of the bond should be conducted to determine the amount needed to reclaim the portion of the mine complex over which Price River Coal Company continues to maintain jurisdiction.

The AFO requests that a field review to the Willow Creek Mine be jointly conducted by the Technical Assistance Division, the AFO, and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining permitting personnel in April 1987 to verify that the reclamation plan is being achieved.

We request that the midterm field reviews for Gordon Creek Nos. 2 and 7 and Castlegate-Price River Complex be conducted along with the Willow Creek field review.

Please contact John C. Kathmann at FTS 474-6515 to arrange the site visit.

Based on CO OP Agmt, Kathmann declined offer (and need) for field visit - phone call w/ LPS 4/15/87