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Mr. Lowell Braxton  
Administrator  
Mineral Resource Development  
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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Re: Monthly Pond Inspection

Dear Mr. Braxton:

The purpose of this letter is to request quarterly inspections of the state regulated sediment ponds at Castle Gate Coal mine. This letter is pursuant to UMC 877.66(T) which states that with the approval of the Division, dams not meeting the criteria of 30 CFR 77.216(a) can be inspected quarterly. This is applicable to ponds 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12A, 12B, 14 and 15.

Approval of this request should be made based on the following reasons:

- (1) None of the structures fall under 30 CFR 77.216(a).
- (2) None of the structures are classified as hazardous.
- (3) All of the structures are in locations which are travelled by mine personnel at least once a day and therefore any serious problem would be noticed.
- (4) The ponds are dry most of the year with most of them never discharging.
- (5) Administrative paperwork by both DOGM and Castle Gate would be reduced by 2/3.

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Please respond to this request as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

  
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