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Mr. Lowell Braxton
Administrator
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Dear Mr. Braxton:

Thank you for your expeditious approval of the Methane Desgasification Well Permit. Castle Gate Coal Company will abide by the conditions set forth in your Conditional Approval letter dated 24 February 1988.

The following are responses to the staff comments on the permit. Enclosed are seven copies of the revised permit which incorporate the staff comments.

COMMENT: 817.171 Roads: Class III: Location - JRH

RESPONSE: Castle Gate Coal Company has revised the section UMC 784.13(b)(1) to incorporate Mr. Harding's condition.

COMMENT: 817.97(1)(k) L.K.

RESPONSE: Castle Gate Coal Company has added a section to the permit which restates the existing limitations of 1 Nov to 15 May disturbance in BLM big game habitat. The new section is labeled UMC 817.97.

COMMENT: Condition UMC 784.17(b)(5)-(1) L.K.

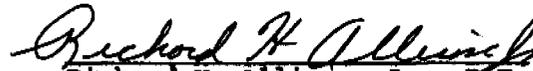
RESPONSE: Mr. Kunsler caught a typing error in the seed mix. Castle Gate has corrected the error of 2 lbs. to .2 lbs. per acre.

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COMMENT: Condition UMC 817.23 -(1)- JSL

RESPONSE: During construction of the drill site and during drilling a sediment control fence will perimeter the site. A section UMC 817.23 TOPSOIL: Storage - has been added to clarify this committment.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Allison, Jr., P.E.
Project Supervisor

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