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DIVISION OF
OIL GAS & MINING

Permit: ACT/007/002
Mine Name: Willow Creek

Mr. Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
355 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Federal Ten-Day Letter 91-2-246-3 is being issued for a violation that likely existed at the time of the last State complete inspection (LSCI). Specific details are as follows:

Date of Federal Inspection: 3/22/91; Date of LSCI: 1/2/91

The determination that the State did not cite the violation is based on one or more of the following reasons:

The condition was identified in a State inspection report but no State enforcement action was taken.

Design criteria or required certification has not been met for a structure in existence as of the last State complete inspection (sediment pond, excess spoil fill, etc.)

Necessary controls that were required at the time of the last State complete inspection have not been established (diversion ditches, sediment ponds, top soil protection, signs and markers, etc.)

Site conditions indicate that the violation noted had been in existence at the time of, or prior to, the last State complete inspection. (Land-use change)

Other (Give explanation).

Mr. Lowell P. Braxton

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Indicate below the Division's reason(s) for not citing the alleged violation:

- Not a violation
- Precluded by State policy
- Not included under State program
- Warning given in Lieu of a Citation
- Violation not recognized (missed)
- Practice allowed under approved permit
- Too minor to cite
- Working with operator to correct
- Other: _____

Signature Lowell P Braxton

Date 4/24/91

Please return your signed and dated response to the Albuquerque Field Office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Stephen G. Rathbun, Chief
Inspection and Enforcement Branch

Enclosure