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Mr. James W. Buck
Amax Coal Company
20 Northwest First Street, One Riverfront Place
Evansville, Indiana 47708

Dear Mr. Buck:

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) has terminated, effectively immediately, Federal permit UT-0007, issued on October 10, 1984 for Amax Coal Company's Castlegate mine. The Federal permit was terminated in accordance with OSM's Directive on the Termination of Federal Permits because the State of Utah has a cooperative agreement that delegates the permitting responsibilities on Federal lands to the State, and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGGM) has issued State permit ACT/007/004 for the Castlegate mine in accordance with the Utah State program and cooperative agreement.

I have enclosed the memorandum terminating the Federal permit. Attached to the memorandum are the applicable standard conditions of approval of the Castlegate mine mining plan approved by the Assistant Secretary for Federal leases U-25484, U-25485, U-058184, SL-071737 and SL-029093-046653. These conditions were previously incorporated in the Federal permit. Notwithstanding the termination of the Federal permit, these conditions remain in full force and effect.

Utah DOGM is now the regulatory authority for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands at the Castlegate mine under the Utah State permit ACT/007/004, the Utah State program, and cooperative agreement. Mining operations on Federal leases U-25484, U-25485, U-058184, SL-071737 and SL-029093-046653 must be conducted in accordance with the approved mining plan, including the standard conditions, the leases, the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, and its implementing regulations, as well as the State permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Raymond Blake or Richard Holbrook at (303) 844-2400.

Sincerely,

Ranvir Singh
Ranvir Singh, Chief
Federal Lands Branch

Enclosure

cc: Utah DOGM
Albuquerque Field Office
BLM Utah State Office
BLM Price Resource Area Office
State Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Utah