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RE: Response to August 23, 1992 Inspection Report on Castle Gate Mine

Dear Jim:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify a couple of remarks which you made on your inspection report of Castle Gate Mine. I know that you are new to the mine and not as familiar with some of the revision work being done on the permit. Some of your concerns mentioned in the inspection report have already been revealed in other inspections and are being addressed in the permit revisions.

Your paragraph 3 in Section 4.b. Diversions, notes erosion at the inlets to Pond 013. Amax is aware of this erosion and informed the Division of the problem last month. EarthFax Engineering is designing downdrains to remediate the problem. These designs will be submitted to the Division for approval next week when the response letter to the Division's comments on the Castle Gate Prep Plant Reclamation Plan Revision is submitted.

I am also aware, as is Steve Demzack, of the mapping error on the numbering of the locations of the water sample sites. The error is in the Sowbelly Gulch site which is numbered 26 and should be numbered 28. This error will be corrected when the revision for Chapter 7 is submitted and Map 7-3 is updated.

I hope this letter will help clarify the work Amax is presently doing to correct the problems you noted in your Inspection Report.

Sincerely,

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