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Ms. Mickey Steward
AMAX Coal Company, Belle Ayr Mine
2273 Bishop Road
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Dear Ms. Steward:

Re: Castle Gate Preparation Plant Area Reclamation Plan, AMAX Coal Company, Castle Gate Mine, ACT/007/004, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

In the memorandum which I wrote concerning the reclamation plans for the Castle Gate Preparation Plant area, I required that the dominant grass in the reference area be identified. It was only identified as "Agropyron sp." in the plan. During my inspection this month, I checked the area and decided that the grass referred to was almost certainly salina wild rye, Elymus salina. This is a desirable grass that forms large bunches. Seed is usually available commercially, but it might be hard to find.

I hope that this information will be useful to you as you revise Chapter IX of the Castle Gate mining and reclamation plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Baker'.

Paul Baker
Reclamation Biologist

cc: D. Haddock
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