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Mr. Richard H. Allison, Jr. P.E.
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Re: Revised Sections 3.3 and 3.4, AMAX Coal Company, Castle Gate Mine, ACT/007/004, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Allison:

This letter is written in response to your November 1, 1993 submittal of revised Sections 3.3 and 3.4 to the Castle Gate Mining and Reclamation Plan. In essence the changes to your plan involved allowing AMAX until August 31, 1994 to complete upgrading facilities as outlined in your currently approved plan.

For the most part the Division has consented to this approach as allowed under R645-301-742.221.33, based on the probability analysis you provide in May of 1993 and AMAX's commitment to reclaim Hardscrabble Canyon. However, there are portions of your November 1st submittal that are not acceptable. Specifically, the procedure for demonstrating pond 009 sizing is not acceptable and has never been approved. If permanent reclamation of the main canyon section of the mine site has not commenced by August 31, 1994, pond 009 will be out of compliance since there is no current demonstration verifying that it is sized appropriately. Amax must follow through on its commitment to reclaim the site or provide construction and design plans that will demonstrate that the pond is sized appropriately and according to regulation. The construction and/or demonstration would need to be made before the August 31, 1994 deadline.

At this time AMAX must revise Sections 3.3 and 3.4 to provide for the upgrading of facilities at the Castle Gate Mine and provide the commitment to reclaim the site if upgrading has not occurred by August 31, 1994. These revised sections will need to be submitted as an amendment to the Castle Gate plan with the appropriate permit change forms attached.

Please call me or Sharon Falvey if you have any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

cc: S. Falvey
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