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Dear Jim,

Thank you for spending so much time with me last week. I feel that the time was well spent making management decisions which will lead to the resolution of the Division Order. The following goals and decisions were taken from my notes of January 14, 1994.

Prior to our meeting, I met with Daron and Sharon to resolve issues in Section 3.3 of the MRP. Pursuant to these discussions, Castle Gate Mine has agreed to remove the language in the section which describes a procedure to substantiate the runoff curve number for Pond 009. In its place, a commitment to begin reclamation in Hardscrabble Canyon by August 31, 1994 and a completion date of December 31, 1995 will be inserted into the MRP. Along with this commitment is the calculation which estimates the probability of a storm event occurring during this period of time which would cause Pond 009 to discharge. This language was previously incorporated into the MRP and approved. Daron therefore, stated that this revision package will not be needed and to change the language in the document which will be published.

Daron and I also discussed Chapter 8 which is the soils section. I pointed out some of the conflicts between what is written in Chapter 8 and sections in Chapter 3. We agreed to update Chapter 8 to eliminate conflict information and rewrite as necessary sections in Chapter 8 to correspond with what is stated in Chapter 3. Castle Gate Mine will submit the updated Chapter 8 to the Division as a Minor Revision by January 31, 1994. Daron stated that he would rapidly review this revision so that it will not delay the publication of the Major Revision of which Chapter 8 is a part.

Steve Laird, Pat Winmill and Bill Richards are to formulate the document to withdraw the Appeals which are before the Board. This document is scheduled to be finished by January 31, 1994.

Randy Hardin is to draft the Division Order Closure Document. This document will conclude by Findings that the revised Castle Gate Mine Mining and Reclamation Plan meets the criteria of the R645 Rules. The Findings will be supported by a Technical Assessment. The Technical Assessment will be sent to Pat Winmill, Steve Laird and me for review. This work is to be completed by the second week in February.

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A new Division Order will be written by January 31, 1994 which will require Castle Gate Mine to revise the reclamation plan for Crandall Canyon and any related information in other sections of the MRP.

The violation written in 1991 for failure to respond to the Division Order will be terminated by January 31, 1994.

Castle Gate Mine will publish public notice as soon as the approval to do so is given by the Division. Hopefully, this will be before the end of February.

Please let me know if I have misstated any understandings which I have expressed in this letter.

Sincerely,



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