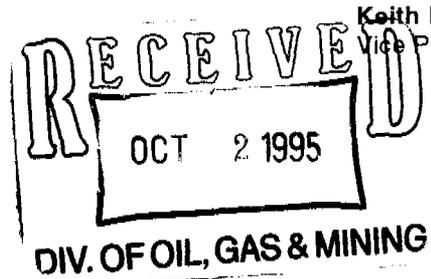




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Re: Pond Removal Approval - Sowbelly Canyon Reclamation, Castle Gate Mine, AMAX Coal Company, ACT/007/004-95F, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Haddock:

As per our telephone conversation on September 28, 1995, regarding pages 3.2-38 and 39 of Section 3.2-10, addressing the pond removal and reclamation improvements, I have with this submittal attempted to clarify any confusion and present the existing conditions.

In AMAX's August 28, 1995, submittal, pages 3.2-38 and 39 of Section 3.2-10 were amended to discuss the reclamation improvements scheduled for the fall of 1995, of which, includes removal of ponds 016 and 017. This submittal was approved by the Division on September 5, 1995.

In preparing to submit the eight finalized copies requested by the Division, it became apparent to AMAX that much of the existing language in Section 3.2-10 did not apply at this time. This language discussed the as-built and design information generated after the reclamation work was completed in 1994 and later submitted to the Division on February 22, 1995, for review and to initiate Phase 1 bond release. Subsequent to Division review, letters dated April 27, and September 26, 1995, it determined that additional reclamation work is needed before Phase 1 reclamation can be deemed complete.

Therefore, in order to make page 3.2-38 of Section 3.2-10 conform with the existing conditions, I removed all language discussing as-built and design information associated with 1994's reclamation activities, and kept only that discussing the reclamation improvements scheduled for the fall of 1995 and approved by the Division.

Furthermore, I added a new Section 3.2-11 on page 3.2-39 listing the references formerly included in the old pre-August 28, 1995, Section 3.2-10. In doing this, it also became necessary to revise page 7 of the Table of Contents to reflect these changes.

Mr. Daron R. Haddock
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Upon completion of this year's reclamation improvements, a revised Section 3.2-10 and all other required as-built and design information will be submitted to the Division for their review and initiate the Phase 1 bond release process.

Enclosed are eight copies of Exhibit 3.2-5, pages 7, 3.2-18, 3.2-38, and 3.2-39. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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RE: Pond Removal Approval - Sowbelly Canyon Reclamation, Castle Gate Mine, AMAX
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Dear Johnny:

As per our conversation of September 29, 1995, I am enclosing with your letter to UDOGM
a copy of this letter plus eight copies of the following items:

Exhibit 3.2-5,
Pages 7 and 8,
Pages 3.2-ii and 3.2-iii,
Page 3.2-18,
Pages 3.2-38, 3.2-39, and 3.2-39A.

As we discussed, pages 3.2-ii and 3.2-iii should be revised as well as pages 7 and 8. Also,
the page number for Table 3.2-1 has been changed to 3.2-39A so that the page numbers on
the remaining tables would not need modification at this time. A copy of the table with its
new page number is included with this submittal.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Chris D. Hansen

cc: Daron Haddock, UDOGM
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