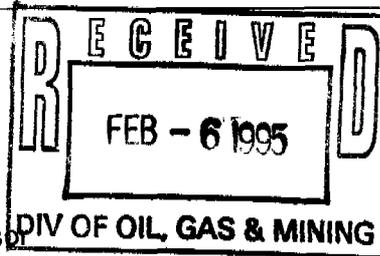




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Mr. Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor
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Re: Amax Coal Company
Castle Gate Mine
ACT/007/004/004

*Ac 11/007/004 #2
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Dear Mr. Haddock:

In your letter dated December 22, 1994, regarding N94-41-3-1 and the discharge point for Diversion CGD-5, you stated that the Division would consider the channel unstable when data shows that the width or depth has increased by 6 inches or more. We have been unable to find the regulation that justifies this determination. Would you provide us with the cite and the basis of the interpretation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lonnie Mills'.

Lonnie Mills,
Sr. Environmental Engineer

cc: J. Borla