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Michael Herkimer
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Re: UPDES requirements at Sowbelly Canyon, Castle Gate Mine, AMAX Coal Company, ACT/007/004, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Herkimer:

It has been brought to our attention that AMAX Coal Company has requested that the discharge permit for Ponds 16 and 17 in Sowbelly Canyon be discontinued. You are probably aware of reclamation activities that are proceeding at the Castle Gate Coal Mine. Ponds 16 and 17 have been removed as part of the reclamation project. This being the case, we can see no reason for continuing a point source discharge permit for this area. Justification for the pond removal is found in the enclosed technical memo which discusses the use of alternative sediment control for the Sowbelly area. Hopefully this information will assist you in making your determination on the UPDES permit.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
 Permit Supervisor

Enclosure

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