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Robert D. Williams, Assistant Field Supervisor
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145 East 1300 South, Suite 404
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Re: Willow Creek Refuse Removal Project, Castle Gate Mine, AMAX Coal Company,
ACT/007/004-95B, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining recently sent you a letter advising you the above-referenced Willow Creek Refuse Removal Project significant revision had been determined administratively complete. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed revision.

The mine proposes to remove about 450,000 cubic yards of coal refuse from the Willow Creek Mine area and place it on the permitted Schoolhouse Canyon refuse pile. An additional 27.5 acres would be disturbed. Although this disturbance would be on private land, the mine permit includes federal coal leases.

Because the proposal includes disturbance of additional area and because it is large enough to constitute a significant revision, we would like to receive comments about listed, proposed, and candidate threatened or endangered species that could occur in the area. We are working to obtain information about potential water depletions to the Upper Colorado River drainage.

Please review and notify the Division of your concurrence or concerns by May 27, 1995. If you have any questions, please call me or Paul Baker, Reclamation Biologist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela Grubaugh-Littig'.

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Coordinator

Enclosure