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Richard Dawes, Chief
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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. Dawes:

Enclosed please find the proposed Willow Creek Refuse Removal Project which is considered a significant revision to the Castle Gate Mine permit. This proposal entails the removal of approximately 450,000 cubic yards of refuse that was placed at the site by the Abandoned Mine Lands Prgram. This refuse would be placed in the permitted Schoolhouse Canyon refuse fill. The proposed disturbance will be within areas previously permitted and disturbed by the Price River Coal Company.

This revision will facilitate the proposed Willow Creek Mine portal development would overlap the proposed Cyprus Plateau's Willow Creek permit which is scheduled to be submitted to the Division in April 1995.

Please review and notify the Division of your concurrence or concerns by April 17, 1995. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Coordinator

Enclosure
cc: Brent Bradford, DEQ, w/ enclosure
Robert Morgan, State Engineer w/enclosure
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