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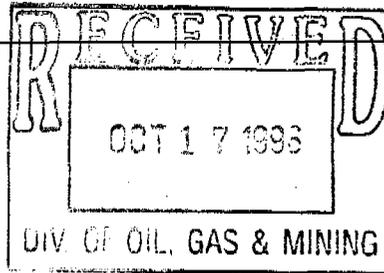


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October 15, 1996



Mr. Joseph C. Helfrich
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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Re: Overlapping of Willow Creek Mine Permit with Castle Gate Mine Permit, AMAX Coal Company, Castle Gate Mine, ~~Carbon County, Utah~~ Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Pursuant to your October 9, 1996, letter and our telephone conversation today, it was agreed upon by the Division and Permittee to make the deadline for submitting a revised Castle Gate Mine Permit without the overlapping Willow Creek Mine areas November 15, 1996, instead of November 1, 1996.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Johnny Pappas".

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

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