

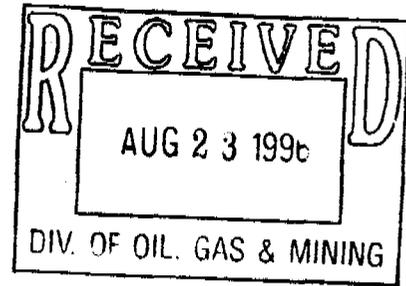


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Re: Sowbelly Reclamation As-Built Drawings, AMAX Coal Company, Castle Gate Mine,
 ACT/OO7/004-96D, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Baker:

As identified by the Division in its July 19, 1996, technical analysis of the aforementioned,
 enclosed are the following:

1. Revised Exhibit 3.2-4 removing reference to Temporary Road A-2 in the reclaimed area and for inclusion into AMAX Coal Company's January 1996, submittal;
2. Revised Exhibit 3.2-5 removing reference to undisturbed drainage areas reporting to sediment ponds; and
3. SBRD-8 certification that it meets design standards and will safely convey the applicable design storm runoff.

AMAX is eager to commence with the Phase 1 bond release process, therefore, it would appreciate the Divisions prompt review of the enclosed for accuracy. Upon the Division's review and findings, should the enclosed be complete and accurate, AMAX will initiate the formal Phase 1 bond release process. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
 Environmental Engineer

Enclosures