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MINING CORPORATION**

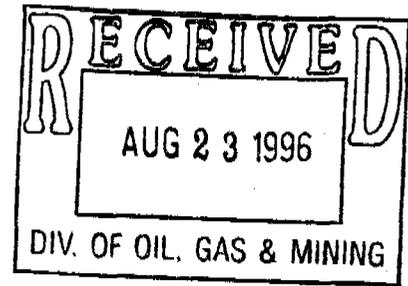
A Cyprus Amax Company

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August 16, 1996

Mr. Paul B. Baker
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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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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:

AMAX Coal Company is requesting as extension to its August 15, 1996, deadline on submitting the appropriate revisions to the aforementioned. The extension is necessary because of our consultants workload and his inability to address the SBRD-8 issue in the timeframe allocated by the Division.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Johnny Pappas".

Johnny Pappas
Environmental Engineer

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