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September 5, 1996

Johnny Pappas, Environmental Engineer  
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Re: Activities Permitted Under the Willow Creek Mine Plan for the Castle Gate Preparation Plant, Amax Coal Company, Castle Gate Mine, ACT/007/004-96H, Folders #2 and #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pappas:

The Division has reviewed the amendment to the Castle Gate mining and reclamation plan you submitted August 30, 1996, to replace the amendment submitted May 6, 1996. This amendment references activities authorized under the Willow Creek permit that would be occurring in the Castle Gate permit area.

The amendment is hereby approved effective September 5, 1996. The map previously submitted with amendment 96H does not need to be inserted in the Castle Gate mining and reclamation plan since the Willow Creek plan already has appropriate surface facilities maps.

We understand you are continuing to work to separate the Willow Creek and Castle Gate plans and permits. Because of the questions that have arisen from having overlapping permit areas, we encourage you to continue working toward this goal.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Baker'.

Paul B. Baker  
Reclamation Biologist

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Enclosure  
cc: Pete Hess  
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