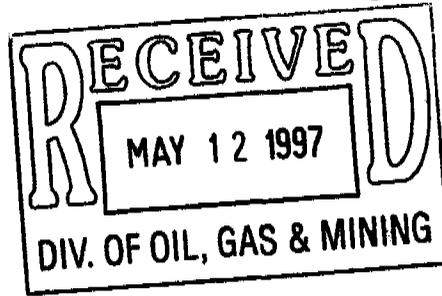


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RE: Submittal of Five Copies of Section 3.3 - Hardscrabble Canyon
Castle Gate Mine, Amax Coal Company, ACT/007/004

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Dear Mr. Baker,

Pursuant to a request by Johnny Pappas of Amax Coal Company, we are submitting five copies of the approved Hardscrabble Canyon Mining and Reclamation Plan. This volume includes all text, tables, figures, appendices and plates pertaining to Hardscrabble Canyon, Section 3.3. This plan is Volume II of the four volume Castle Gate Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Should you have any questions, contact either myself or Johnny Pappas and thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicky S. Bailey".

Vicky S. Bailey

cc: Johnny Pappas, Cyprus Plateau