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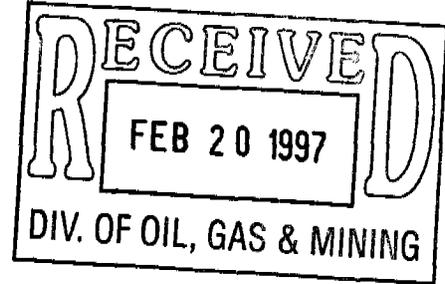
007/004 #2



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February 17, 1997



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Re: Highwall Survey: OSM/DOGM Evaluation Plan, Folder #2, AMAX Coal Company,
ACT/007/004, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Harden:

Enclosed is the aforementioned. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

File: Higwall Survey
Chrono: JP970203.LTR

**UDOGM HIGHWALL SURVEY
CASTLE GATE MINE
ACT/007/004**

1. Identify each highwall in connection with the mine and provide a description of its location and extent.

- A. Crandall Canyon - No pre-SMCRA disturbance
- B. Gravel Canyon - Exhibit 3.6-1
- C. Preparation Plant - Exhibit 3.4-1
- D. Adit No. 1 - Exhibit 3.5-1
- E. Hardscrabble Canyon - Exhibit 3.3-1
- F. Sowbelly Canyon - Exhibit 3.2-1A and Received Phase 1 bond release for reclamation work performed to date.

2. Provide verification of highwall and adjacent cutslope creation dates.

Pursuant to the December 18, 1990, Division Order, Castle Gate Coal Company, Castle Gate Mine, ACT/007/004, was directed to address the issue at hand - and apparently addressed the Division's pre-SMCRA delineation requirements adequately according to Division Order 94A, page 6 of 31.

The Division Order States "Disturbances found within the permit area are pre-SMCRA and are adequately identified on the maps and within the text of the plan.

3. Provide a reference to the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) which discusses the final reclamation and elimination or retention of the identified highwalls.

- A. Crandall Canyon - See revised reclamation plan.
- B. Gravel Canyon - See Section 3.6 of MRP, page 3.6-4.
- C. Preparation Plant - See Section 3.4 or Castle Gate MRP and pertinent section in Willow Creek Mine Plan.
- D. Adit No. 1 - See Section 3.5 of MRP, page 3.5-9.
- E. Hardscrabble Canyon - See April 1996 Reclamation Plan.
- F. Sowbelly Canyon - See Section 3.2 of MRP and January 1996 Phase 1 Bond Release submittal - work performed to date has received Phase 1 bond release.
- G. See Figure 3.3 Highwall Variance in Section 3.3.