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## TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT

**Date:** May 8, 1997

**Mine:** Castle Gate - Hardscrabble, Sowbelly, Schoolhouse Canyon, & Gravel Canyon

**File Number:** ACT/007/004

**DOGM Staff:** Robert Davidson and Paul Baker

**Other Attendees:** Johnny Pappas, AMAX Coal Company

### Purpose:

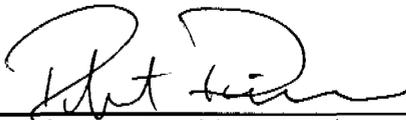
- Inspect soil salvage end results in Schoolhouse Canyon and soil storage in Gravel Canyon.

### Observations:

- Soil was salvaged from the south slopes of Schoolhouse Canyon last December. Approximately 10 to 20 feet upslope soils above the refuse pile were salvaged using a track hoe.
- Native rocks were salvaged and stockpiled with the soil. The larger rocks that couldn't be hauled in the trucks were piled at the upper southwestern end of the refuse pile.
- The salvaged soil was stockpiled in Gravel Canyon. It appeared that the stockpile had not been seeded. However, since the Schoolhouse soil was placed within a depression behind the older stockpile, no soil has been lost to erosion.

### Recommendations/Conclusions:

- Seed the stockpile this spring and control weed growth during the coming growing season.

Signature:   
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on May 21, 1997