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April 25, 1997

Johnny Pappas, Sr Environmental Engineer
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RE: Consolidation of Amendments 95E Revised Bond Estimate; 96G, Permit Revision of Chapter 2; & 96L, Castle Gate Permit Separation, Amax Coal Company, Castle Gate Mine, ACT/007/004, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pappas:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 11, 1997 referencing 95E & 95L, as well as requesting consolidation and an extension to address deficiencies identified by the Division. Our records indicate that 95E, the revised bond estimate was received by the Division August 14, 1995, amendment 96G received by the Division on May 10, 1996 dealt with permit revision of Chapter 2 and amendment 96L received by the Division November 22, 1996 dealt with the separation of the Castle Gate and Willow Creek permits. As I understand you have conversed with Wayne Western regarding the few remaining deficiencies, i.e. earth work, etc. As per your request the Division will combine amendment numbers 95E & 95G with 96L. Including a response due date of May 22, 1997. Review of the referenced amendments by Paul Baker and Steve Johnson, Reclamation Specialists for the Division, so note the following deficiencies:

R645-301-112, the list of officers and directors should be deleted from appendix 2-4.

R645-301-112.500, the application needs to include the name and address of each holder of record of any lease hold interest in property to be mine, and any purchaser of record under a real estate contract for the property to be mined.

R645-301-114, the permittee needs to provide a discussion in the application that denotes that AMAX has relinquished their right to enter Federal Coal leases with the first right of refusal.

R645-301-341: Species list three was designed for areas along the Price River and should be eliminated from the plan. In addition, the application says list three will be used to revegetate wildlife areas. Since no wildlife areas are identified and species list one contains species suited for the habitat in the permit area, this

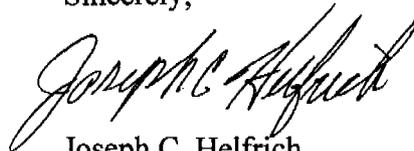
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reference should be removed.

R645-301-412, description of the pre- and post-mining land uses need to be consistent throughout the plan.

As referenced, please respond to these deficiencies by no later than May 22, 1997. If you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Helfrich
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Paul Baker
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