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RE: Adit No. 1 Reclamation, Castle Gate Holding Company, Castle Gate Mine,
ACT/007/004-99PR, Carbon County, Utah

Incoming

Dear Mr. Baker:

Castle Gate Holding Company (CGHC) is proposing to modify the Adit No. 1 reclamation plan to address some minor deficiencies that exist and incorporate the desires, if any, of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). UDOT has in the past used the site to access the area above the Highway to remove rocks that accumulate on an old road cut and maintain a semblance of a safety bench to reduce the potential of rocks falling onto the highway.

Another issue that would need to be investigated is the historical significance of the old portal facade and rock walls. It would be a shame to tear these down instead of putting forth the effort to preserve them. I believe that a reclamation plan can be developed to preserve these historical features.

CGHC plans to have a revised reclamation plan to the Division by December 31, 2000. This will give the Division and CGHC the first part of 2001 to review and revise the plan as necessary to comply with the R645 Coal Rules, with reclamation to commence sometime during the late summer of 2001. }

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer