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September 28, 1981

Mr. Douglas F. Day
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RE: Stream Pollution Resulting from
POMCO Drilling Activity in
Woods Canyon
Bishopsgate Coal Company
CEP/007/006
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Day:

In response to your letter to Mr. Jack Feight dated September 15, 1981, I have contacted John Livesay by telephone on September 19, 1981, for more information pertaining to POMCO's drilling activity in the Scofield area and to inform him of their current compliance status with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining was first notified of unpermitted exploration activity in Winter Quarters Canyon on August 12, 1981. Inspectors located the operation on August 13, 1981, and determined that POMCO's exploration activities were in violation of Coal Exploration Performance Standards of the Utah Coal Mining and Reclamation Regulations (UMC 815). I have enclosed an inspection memo for your reference to the particular details.

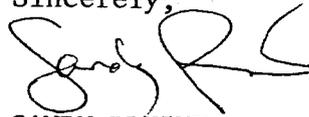
It is unfortunate that inspectors were not aware, at the time, of the impacts up Woods Canyon resulting from the drilling activity discovered by Messrs. Livesay and Tophom. It was by a private citizen's notification and later by your agency's contact that our Division was informed of this

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operation. This type contact is often our only source for information on "wildcat" operations.

Your continued assistance in this respect would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



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RECLAMATION OFFICER

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Enclosure

cc: John Livesay, D.W.R., e/enc.
Steve McNeal, State Health