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Mr. Ian G. Northern, Vice President
Sunoco Coal Company
7401 W. Mansfield Avenue
Suite 418
Lakewood, Colorado 80235

Dear Mr. Northern:

I have enclosed the Sage Point-Dugout Mine mining plan cancellation document. The Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management cancelled the mining plan effective September 29, 1987.

Enclosed is a copy of the newspaper notice we are sending to the Price Sun Advocate, Carbon County, Utah to be published as soon as possible. When published, this notice will constitute official notification of the action.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call either me or Rick Holbrook at (303) 844-2451.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Rutledge, Chief
Federal Programs Division

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Gordon Whitney
Bureau of Land Management

Mr. Leon Berggren
Bureau of Land Management

✓ Dr. Dianne Nielson, Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

Mr. Robert Hagen, Director
Albuquerque Field Office
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement

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U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT
NOTICE OF A DECISION TO CANCEL THE MINING PLAN
FOR THE SAGE POINT-DUGOUT CANYON MINE
SUNOCO COAL COMPANY
CARBON COUNTY, UTAH

The United States Department of the Interior, in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, and section 523 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, has cancelled Sunoco Coal Company's Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine Mining Plan. For information or clarification concerning the cancellation of the mining plan, please contact Richard Holbrook at (303) 844-2896, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Denver, Colorado.

The decision document is available for public review at the following locations:

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Western Field Operations
1020 15th Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Albuquerque Field Office
Suite 310
625 Silver Avenue SW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Department of Oil, Gas and Mining
355 W. North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203



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Reclamation and Enforcement

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretary-Land and Minerals Management

From: *W. W. [Signature]*
Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Subject: Recommendation to Cancel the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine Mining Plan, Sunedco Coal Company, Carbon County, Utah, Federal Leases U-07746, U-092147, U-144820, and U-07064-027821

I recommend cancellation of the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon mine mining plan pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended. My recommendation to cancel the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon mine mining plan is based on: (1) Sunedco Coal Company's request, dated December 18, 1986, to relinquish the permit and release the bond for the mine, (2) review of the request by the State of Utah as required by the Utah State program, and (3) comments and concurrences of other Federal agencies, including the recommendations of the Bureau of Land Management with respect to the resource recovery and protection plan and other requirements of the Federal leases and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

The Sage Point-Dugout Canyon mine mining plan was approved on April 26, 1984. Since approval of the mining plan, no construction or development of the mine has occurred. The Federal permit terminated on April 30, 1987 due to the lack of any development or construction at the mine within three years after the permit was issued. The State of Utah revoked the Utah State permit on May 19, 1987 and returned the surety bond to the permittee.

Cancellation:

I cancel the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon mine mining plan approved on April 26, 1984.

[Signature]
Assistant Secretary-Land and Minerals Management

9/29/87
Date



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September 8, 1987

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Director *JL*
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

THROUGH: Deputy Director *JL*
Operations and Technical Services

FROM: Assistant Director
Western Field Operations

SUBJECT: Sunedco Coal Company, Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine
Cancellation of Mining Plan Approval, UT-0041

I recommend that the mining plan approval for the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon mine, UT-0041, dated April 26, 1984 be cancelled. On April 24, 1987 the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) requested concurrence from the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) Albuquerque Field Office (AFO) for relinquishment of the bond (see letter from Utah DOGM to Robert Hagen dated April 24, 1987). Utah DOGM's request was made on the basis that no surface disturbance has taken place since the State and Federal permits were issued in 1984 (see Utah DOGM memorandum dated January 26, 1987). The OSMRE/AFO provided concurrence on May 8, 1987 (see letter from AFO to Utah DOGM), and Utah DOGM terminated the State permit and relinquished the bond on May 19, 1987 (see letter dated May 19, 1987).

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) concurred with the permit and bond relinquishment actions (see letter from the BLM to Utah DOGM dated February 25 and April 10, 1987).

The ownership of all Federal coal lands included in the 1984 mining plan approval area has been transferred to the State of Utah, with the exception of Federal lease U-07064. Since this lease may be mined in the future under a new mining plan, it is recommended that the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon mine mining plan approved in 1984 be cancelled.

Raymond L. Lowrie
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FILE COPY
 May 19, 1987

Mr. Ian G. Northern
 Vice President
 Sunedco Coal Company
 7401 W. Mansfield Avenue
 Suite 418
 Lakewood, Colorado 80235

Dear Mr. Northern:

Re: Permit Relinquishment and Bond Release, Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine, PRO/007/009, Folder No. 2 and 4, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has received concurrence from the Bureau of Land Management and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for the relinquishment of the permit and release of reclamation bond being held for the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine.

Accordingly, the state permit is hereby revoked, and Federal Insurance Company Surety Bond #8090-86-10, for the amount of \$611,875.00, returned to you with this letter. All files and permit documents regarding the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine will be archived in the near future.

Please contact me or Susan Linner if you need any further clarification on this action.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Linner
 for L. P. Braxton
 Administrator
 Mineral Resource Development
 and Reclamation Program

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 Enclosure
 cc: R. Hagen
 T. Paluso, SCCC
 P. Rutledge
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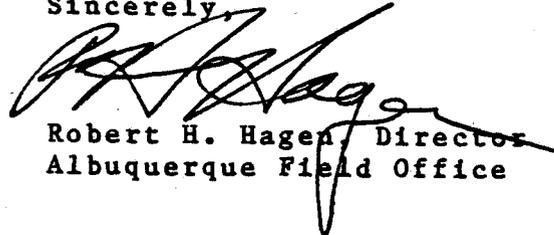
Dr. Dianne Nielson, Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
355 West North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Re: Sunedco Coal Company, Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine,
ACT/007/009, Bond Release

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Albuquerque Field Office (AFO), has received the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGGM) request to release the full amount of reclamation bond held for the above referenced permit. The AFO understands the bond release is necessary due to a permit relinquishment request by Sunedco Coal Company. We further understand the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has provided a concurrence to relinquish permit ACT/007/009.

The AFO hereby provides concurrence on the DOGM request to release the full amount of reclamation bond held on permit ACT/007/009. Please forward a copy of the final bond release/permit relinquishment correspondence to the AFO, and indicate when the permit will be removed from your inspectable units listing.

Sincerely,



Robert H. Hagen, Director
Albuquerque Field Office



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April 24, 1987

Mr. Robert Hagen
Office of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement
219 Central Avenue, NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Dear Mr. Hagen:

Re: Relinquishment of Permit, Sunedco Coal Company, Sage
Point-Dugout Canyon Mine, ACT/007/009, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has received a request from Sunedco Coal Company, the permittee for the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine, that the permit be relinquished.

A permanent program five-year federal permit was issued in April of 1984, and a corresponding state permit was issued in June of 1984. No mining related disturbances have occurred, as documented by the attached memo from Holland Shepherd, DOGM Reclamation Specialist. Concurrences to the relinquishment have been received from the Utah State Office and the Moab District Office of the Bureau of Land Management (attached). No other agencies hold surface or mineral rights within the permit area.

In light of these facts, it is hereby requested that the Albuquerque Field Office concur with the Division in release of the jointly held reclamation bond. After that, the permit may be terminated.

Best regards,

Dianne R. Nielson
Director

SCL:jvb
cc: P. Rutledge
L. Braxton
S. Linner

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January 26, 1987

To: Coal File
From: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist HS
Re: Sunedco Coal Company, INA/007/009, Relinquishment of Bond
for the Sage Point-Dugout Mine Property.

According to Susan Linner, DOGM, B-team Permit Supervisor, Sunedco Coal Company has requested that their permit for the Sage Point-Dugout property be terminated and, their bond be relinquished.

As a representative of the Division, I have been inspecting this property since March 27, 1986 to the present. My last inspection report is dated December 12, 1986. As described in my inspection reports concerning the property, I have observed no post-SMCRA disturbances at this site. Some pre-SMCRA disturbances do exist, however, they are quite old and have more or less stabilized.

Apparently the operator had intended to have initiated mining, by this date, but was never able to start any type of construction, in the area permitted, as a result of a poor coal market.

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cc: Susan Linner
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DIVISION OF
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February 25, 1987

L. P. Braxton, Administrator
Mineral Resource Development
and Reclamation Program
Utah Division of Oil, and Mining
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3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Subject: Permit Relinquishment, Sunedco Coal Company, Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine, PRO/007/009, Folder No. 2, Carbon County, Utah

In consultation with our Moab District Solid Minerals staff, who currently administer the approved mine plans in that District, BLM has no objection to the permit relinquishment of Sunedco Coal Company's Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Mine.

Part of the lands within this permit have been included in the recent PAP submittal by Sunedco for the Soldier Canyon Mine expansion now under review.

If you have any additional needs concerning this or other matters please contact Allen Vance of my staff at 524-3106.

Sincerely,

Acting
Deputy State Director
Mineral Resources

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Dear Mr. Braxton:

The BLM has no objections to the relinquishment of Sunedco's Sage Point Dugout Canyon Mine Permit, PRO/007/009. The ownership of the Federal coal lease lands, with the exception of U-07064, has been transferred to the State of Utah.

Sincerely,

Area Manager

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