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RE: MONTHLY FINES REPORT AT WELLINGTON

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Please find enclosed the "Monthly Report for the Wellington Fines Removal Study" for CASTLE VALLEY RESOURCES. Please call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Consultant

Enclosure

cc: Candy Manzanares
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**MONTHLY REPORT
FOR THE
WELLINGTON FINES REMOVAL STUDY**

to

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Current Month - August 1992
Subsequent Month - September 1992

INTRODUCTION

As outlined in previous monthly reports, CASTLE VALLEY RESOURCES was granted authorization by the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining (DOGM) to conduct a pilot study to remove coal slurry fines from the pond areas at the Wellington site. Prior to DOGM approval (August 23, 1991), an application was submitted as an permit amendment (April 25, 1991) and deficiencies subsequently addressed (July 15, 1991). Refer to Appendix M of the MRP for these documents.

Primary purpose of the pilot study is to compare methodologies and costs for fines removal for reclamation and/or marketability.

Monthly Reports

With the authorization from DOGM, CASTLE VALLEY RESOURCES agreed to comply with several environmental and engineering provisions previously outlined in the submittal dated July 15, 1991. One of the stipulations was to present monthly reports to DOGM summarizing the past month's activities, plus an outline of activities planned for the following month. This report will attempt to comply with these provisions.

CURRENT MONTH ACTIVITIES (August 1992)

Some delays in equipment availability for the trial demonstration to dry fines (as outlined in last month's report) has again postponed this procedure. The month of August will be used access the volume of fines available in the dry ponds for an engineering design planned to assist in a feasibility study for use of the fines.

SUBSEQUENT MONTH ACTIVITIES (September 1992)

It is anticipated that part of September will also be used to plan, design and prepare the equipment for a demonstration to dry some of the coal fines. The month will also be used to plan the engineering design.

As outlined previously, approximately 4-5 tons of fines will soon be blown through an air chamber as an attempt to dry the material. The blower will be a customized design with 3 diesel motors, a hopper belt, and an air chamber.

The demonstration will be conducted on the south side of the upper pond near the dike. Castle Valley Resources will terminate the test if any violation is anticipated.

An earlier request for the demonstration from Castle Valley Resource was approved by DOGM (May 18, 1992). A DOGM inspector will be present during the procedure.