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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Associate Director, Mining
FROM: Bill Malencik *BM*
RE: Horse Canyon Mine, ACT/007/013, Kaiser Coal Company,
Carbon County, Utah

On December 8, 1989 at 8:00 a.m. at the Horse Canyon Mine, the undersigned and Mitch Rollings noticed smoke plumes across the canyon from the main mine complex. Upon further investigation we noticed smoke, glowing rocks, and later a subsidence crack. The smoke had an odor of coal being burnt and we suspect a coal fire associated with and south of the Woodward portals. The fire is about 0.3 miles south east of the sealed Woodward portals. The cracks observed were about 400 feet long, four to seven feet deep and two to three feet wide.

I notified John Palfy, Raton, New Mexico. He advised me he would contact personnel in the Price area and will have signs posted and rope off the primary access area. Further, he intends to catch a flight out of New Mexico and be on sight tomorrow. He is checking into other agencies he should notify, BLM, MSHW, Industrial Commission, etc.

Are there other parties in Price that need to be notified, please advise.

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cc: D. Nielson
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