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Memorandum

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To: Center Administrator, OSM, Denver

Attention: Walt Swain

From: District Manager, Moab

Subject: Beaver Creek Coal Company 1984 Drilling Program; Federal Lease U-47975

This office has received Beaver Creek Coal Company's 1984 drilling program proposal for Federal coal lease U-47975, dated April 23, 1984. Since OSM is nearing the tentative date of approval for Beaver Creek's Mining and Reclamation Plan we are concerned that the approval authority for the exploration plan may switch from BLM to OSM (43 CFR 3482.1(a)) during the approval process of the exploration plan or prior to completion of the exploration program. Unless we are able to agree to appropriate handling of the exploration plan at this time, the drilling program may be needlessly confused or delayed. We propose the following:

1. The BLM will begin processing of the exploration plan in accordance with 43 CFR Subpart 3482. Should the mine permit be issued by OSM prior to our approval of the exploration plan (mid June?), the BLM will continue to process and approve the plan in accordance with 43 CFR Subpart 3482 and monitor the program to completion.

2. Should OSM approve the mine permit after BLM approves the exploration plan and prior to Beaver Creek completing the exploration program, the conditions BLM may have placed on the approved plan would remain in effect without changes made by OSM.

We believe the approach outlined above would be the most logical and allow for early exploration approval and satisfactory completion of the drilling program. We have enclosed a copy of the plan for your information. A written response to our proposal is requested by May 23, 1984.

If you have any question or comments on this matter, please direct them to Sid Vogelpohl of our Price office (801) 637-4584.

Enclosure:
Exploration Plan

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