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Mr. Dan Gry, Manager
Permitting and Compliance
Beaver Creek Coal Company
P. O. Box 1378
Price, Utah 84501

RE: Mining and Reclamation Plan
Gordon Creek #2 Mine
ACT/007/016, Folder No. 2
Carbon County, Utah

Dan
Dear Mr. Gry:

In the very recent past, it has come to the Division's attention that major or potentially major problems are being encountered at the site of the Southwest Lease (Gordon Creek #7) development area involving the pad construction, sediment pond, undisturbed drainage and potential highwall failure. On May 22, 1984, four members of the Division's technical staff inspected the area and have presented their findings to the remainder of the staff involved in the permitting of this mining and reclamation plan. It is apparent to the Division that these problems are of such magnitude that the Division, and subsequently the Office of Surface Mining (OSM), cannot proceed with permit approval under the Permanent Program until such time as plans to rectify the problem areas have been submitted by Beaver Creek Coal Company (BCCC) and analyzed by the technical staff for adequacy. This will entail rewriting appropriate sections in the Technical Analysis to reflect necessary changes in design and/or construction of the areas or structures affected.

It is the intention of both the Division and the OSM to handle this situation as expeditiously as possible. It is suggested that BCCC contact the Division as soon as possible to discuss submission of appropriate plans to rectify the situation.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact the Division at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Dianne
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