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Mr. John Whitehead
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Re: Highwall Ditch Maintenance
Gordon Creek No. 2/7 Mine
ACT/007/016
Carbon County, Utah

Dear John:

Pursuant to a request by Mr. Phil Ralphs, I am sending this letter to notify you of a temporary drainage re-route during our highwall maintenance work at the Gordon Creek No. 7 Mine.

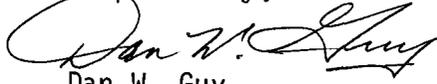
The surface expression of the 40' fault in the highwall above the No. 7 Mine is a constant sloughing problem. During the winter and spring, sloughing material has accumulated on the intermediate highwall bench, blocking the drainage ditch and knocking down a portion of the protective fence. The fault is flowing a small amount of water from the snowmelt above (as it does each spring), and this water was entering the mine yard instead of the ditch and culvert from the highwall. While the maintenance work was being done, the water was placed in the old No. 7 Mine pond, settled and siphoned out into the concrete-lined ditch below the pond. All of the water then flows through the sediment ponds below as approved in the plan.

The highwall sloughing was not reported as a slide, since it was a normal gradual accumulation of sloughed material. It has been observed by our previous inspector, and most recently, by Mr. Ralphs, who did not see any problem with our method of handling the situation. This is a normal maintenance item, and could not be done prior to this time due to snow and freezing ground conditions. The work has been finished, and the highwall drainage has been restored to its original route.

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If you have any questions, or need any further information, please
let me know.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan W. Guy".

Dan W. Guy
Manager Permitting/Compliance

DWG/rs

cc: Jay Marshall
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