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September 8, 1988

Mr. Dan Guy, Manager
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Dan
Dear Mr. Guy:

Re: Approval of Response to Division Directive TDN
X-88-02-407-5-TV3, Gordon Creek #2 and 7 Mines,
ACT/007/016, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has received your correspondence dated August 25, 1988 in regards to the above-mentioned TDN. Beaver Creek Coal Company's plan to decommission the former sediment pond located near the No. 7 Mine portals is hereby approved. To accommodate Beaver Creek Coal Company's construction schedule for the Number 8 Mine portals, please assure that the structure is completely decommissioned no later than November 30, 1988.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
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Administrator
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RE: Division Directive
TDN X-88-02-107-5-TV3
Gordon Creek No.2 and 7 Mines
ACT/007/016; #5
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

This letter will explain Beaver Creek Coal Company's plan of action relative to the former sediment pond located near the No.7 Mine Portal.

As you know, this pond was removed from service as a sediment pond in 1985, when the Gordon Creek No.2/7 Mine hydrologic controls were totally reconstructed under an approved plan. Since that time, the No.7 "pond" has been used only for snow storage during the winter months. The pond presently has no inlet or outlet structures; however, any water accumulations from snow melt greater than 3' in depth are siphoned off and sent to the lower sediment ponds. The pond is presently being routinely inspected as an impoundment, even though there are no plans to reinstate it as a sediment pond or to continue its use as a snow storage area.

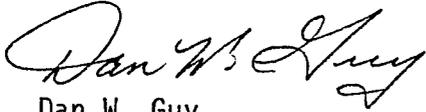
Beaver Creek Coal Company has submitted an amendment to the Division to allow construction of the proposed No.8 Mine portals adjacent to the No.7 Mine. This plan calls for storage of the excess cut material from the construction in the old No.7 Pond. It is our plan to initiate construction this fall; and the No.7 Pond will be filled in at that time.

By this letter, Beaver Creek Coal Company is formally requesting that the Division approve the decommissioning of the former No.7 Pond, with the understanding that the pond will be filled in during construction of the No.8 Mine. Until that time, the pond area will continue to be inspected for stability and safety concerns.

✓ It should be noted that quarterly inspections have also been initiated on the Sweet's Canyon Pond as requested. These inspections will continue as required.

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

Respectfully,



Dan W. Guy
Manager Permitting/Compliance

cc: Johnny Coffey
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