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July 13, 1988

Mr. Dan Guy, Manager
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Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Guy:

Re: Review of Revegetation and Raptor Sections, 1987 Annual Report, Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek #2 and 7 Mine, ACT/007/016, Folder #6, Carbon County, Utah

This letter is to transmit the attached technical memorandum compiled by Brent Stettler, regarding his review of the Gordon Creek #2 and 7 Mine 1987 Annual Report.

It appears that the vegetative sampling conducted for 1987 was incorrectly conducted in a number of areas. These are delineated in the attached memo.

The Division recommends that Beaver Creek Coal Company (BCCC) obtain the services of a qualified consultant in future years to assure these problems do not occur again. Failure to sample in accord with the approved plan in future years will result in enforcement action by the Division.

It appears that interseeding or transplanting containerized shrub stock will be required in areas currently reclaimed to achieve the vegetation success standards.

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ACT/007/016
July 12, 1988

Should BCCC desire to suspend annual raptor surveys, as requested, please submit revised pages for the approved Gordon Creek #2 and 7 Mine Plan, and the Division will be happy to process this amendment request. Please feel free to contact Brent Stettler if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John J. Whitehead
Permit Supervisor/
Reclamation Hydrologist

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Attachment
cc: B. Stettler
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