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September 3, 1991

Gene Hay - Mining Engineer
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Dear Mr. Hay:

Re: Geologic and Topographic Information in Highwall Area, Beaver Creek Coal Company (Mountain Coal Company), Gordon Creek #2, #7, & #8 Mines, ACT/007/016, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Pursuant to our conversation on August 14, 1991, I am providing you with the information you requested.

This mine ceased mining operations in November of 1990. The original reclamation plan (approved August 28, 1984 and renewed August 28, 1989) allowed for the retention of the #7 and #8 highwalls as provided for in the Utah Coal Regulatory Program at that time. However, the reclamation plan must meet the current rules, approved April 12, 1990. Therefore, the Division ordered the permittee, on June 6, 1991, to amend the reclamation plan to provide for complete elimination of these highwalls.

Complete elimination of the #8 highwall will be undertaken. The reclamation of the #7 highwall on privately owned land involves narrowness in the canyon, steepness of the surrounding terrain, and the presence of a seep at the base of the potential fill area. Because of these factors, the permittee feels that complete backfilling of the #7 highwall should be reconsidered.

Enclosed Plates 3-7 and 3-7B show the postmining topography proposed by the permittee. (The #7 area is shown on Plate 3-7B, and the #7 highwall is bisected on Plate 3-7B by cross section line B-B.) Plates 6-1 through 6-7 contain geologic information for the entire site.

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If you need further information regarding this site, please let me know. Thank you for your time and effort in this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse W. Kelley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jesse W. Kelley
Reclamation Engineer

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