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Re: Revised Reclamation Plan Conditions, Mountain Coal Company, ARCO Coal Company, Gordon Creek #2, #7, & #8 Mines, ACT/007/016, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

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Dear Ms. Beville:

As you have requested, the Division reviewed the Conditions to the July 20, 1995 approval of your reclamation plan. It has been determined that Condition #1 has been completed and no longer applies. While still in effect, Condition #2 is being rewritten to clarify the backfilling requirements for the #7 Mine portal area. It is understood that the reclamation plan as it is written is approved and that Mountain Coal Company will backfill the #7 Mine portal area slopes with materials that will achieve a static safety factor of 1.5. However, during the course of construction the site will be evaluated and if additional fill materials are determined to be available, Mountain Coal will further reduce the cut slopes to the extent possible but in no case allow the factor of safety to be less than 1.3. Condition #2 is revised as follows:

- #2. Backfilled slopes in the #7 Mine portal area shall be backfilled to the extent possible while maintaining a factor of safety of no less than 1.3 and no greater than 1.5. The operator shall determine, based on site conditions, where additional materials may be developed and placed as fill to further reduce or eliminate cut slopes associated with the reclamation plan. Slope measurements and stability analysis based on site conditions during construction shall be provided in conjunction with certified as-built reports or plans demonstrating stability and that backfilling of cut slopes to the extent possible during reclamation activities has been accomplished.



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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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