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File

September 21, 1995

John E. Gates
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Re: Gordon Creek 2, 7, and 8, Mountain Coal Company, ACT/007/016, Folder #2,
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gates:

I am responding to your letter of September 7, 1995, in which you state Mr. Robert F. Jewkes' objection to reclamation activities at the above mine that involve reclamation of the mine roads.

I have researched the permitting actions pertaining to the reclamation of the Gordon Creek 2, 7 and 8 Mine, and have found that reclamation of the subject roads has been a requirement of the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) and the Permit issued by the Utah Coal Regulatory Program since as early as 1983 (see attached documents).

The Permit was renewed in 1989 and an opportunity for public comment was part of that permit renewal. Reclamation of the roads was a requirement of the permit renewal. No adverse public comments were received as a result of the permit renewal.

The Permit was renewed in 1994. This renewal again stated that reclamation of the roads was a requirement of the MRP. A four-week public comment period was a part of this action, and again our records indicate there were no adverse comments to the renewal.



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The above, notwithstanding, if Mr. Jewkes wishes to request a hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining stating his objection to reclamation of the road, he should contact Jan Brown, Secretary to the Board for details on how to proceed.

Sincerely,



Lowell P. Braxton
Associate Director, Mining

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Enclosure

cc: Dan Guy, Mountain Coal Company, w/o
J. Brown
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