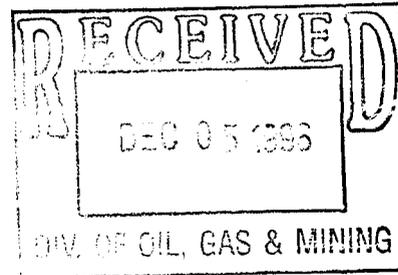


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December 3, 1996

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Re: Notice of Violation N96-47-1-1 (NOV), Mountain Coal Company, Gordon Creek
2, 7 and 8 Mines. ACT 007/016, Folder #8, Carbon County, Utah

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Dear Ms. Bailey:

In reference to Ms. Wright's letter to me dated November 21, 1996 regarding the above NOV, I am requesting an Informal Assessment Conference on the fact of the violation. In the interest of efficiency, I would like to arrange to participate in the conference via telephone. Please call me to schedule a convenient time for this conference. I can be reached at (303) 293-7913.

Sincerely,

Paige Beville / gj

Paige B. Beville
Manager, Environmental, Health and Safety

cc: M. A. Wright
K. Mueller, ARCO
Dan Guy, Blackhawk Engineering