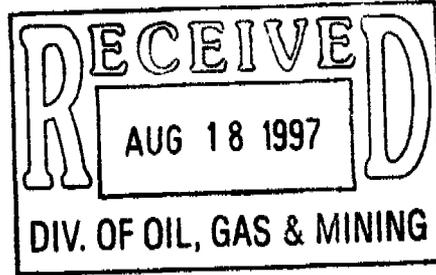


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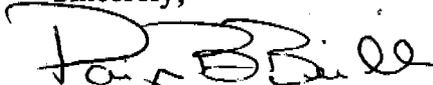
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RE: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N-97-47-1-1, Mountain Coal Company, Gordon Creek Nos. 2, 7, and 8 Mines. ACT/007/016, Folder #5. Carbon County, Utah.

Dear Pam:

In reference to the above State Violation, I wish to request an Assessment Conference to review the proposed penalty for Violation No. N-97-47-1-1. I would like to request that this Conference be held via telephone at a time which is convenient for the Division. I wish to include myself and Dan Guy of Blackhawk Engineering in the Assessment Conference. Please let me know if a telephone conference is acceptable and when we might schedule the Conference.

Sincerely,


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cc: Dan Guy, Blackhawk Engineering
Phil Schmidt, WEM