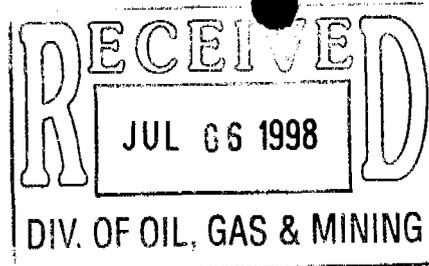


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June 30, 1998

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**RE: Bryner Canyon Culvert, Mountain Coal Company, Gordon Creek #2, #7, and #8 Mines, ACT/007/016-98B, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah**

Dear Joe:

Mountain Coal Company requests an extension to the June 30, 1998 deadline for resubmittal of the application to revise the above Reclamation Plan. As you may recall Mountain Coal Company submitted an application to revise the Plan to include retention of the Bryner Canyon culvert at the reclaimed Gordon Creek # 2 Mine site. The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining rejected the application and gave Mountain Coal Company until June 30, 1998 to resubmit a plan to remove the culvert.

Mountain Coal Company herewith requests an extension to the resubmittal date to complete its analysis of the best options to protect and ensure the long term integrity of the Bryner Canyon channel. As you may be aware, Mountain Coal Company hired a consulting firm, CBC Engineers and Associated, Ltd. to assist in evaluating these options including the remaining life of the culvert. Because of poor weather at the site, CBC was not able to conduct its examination of the culvert until early June. We have only just this week received their final report. In addition to requiring time to review the report we also wish to discuss the options with the landowners so that their input and wishes as the future guardian of the land are considered. Therefore, we are requesting an extension until July 31 to submit our revised application.

Sincerely,

*Paige*  
 Paige B. Beville

c. Dan Guy, Blackhawk Engineering  
 Phil Schmidt, Mountain Coal Company