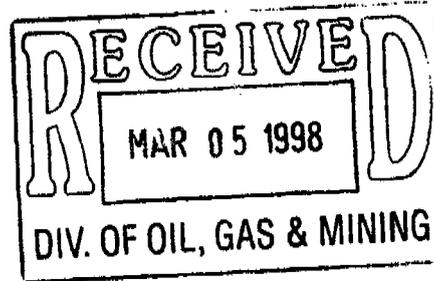


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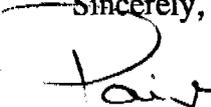
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**Re: Bryner Canyon Culvert, Mountain Coal  
Company, Gordon Creek 2, 7 and 8 Mines,  
ACT/007/016-98A, File #2, Carbon County, Utah**

Dear Joe:

In reference to your letter dated February 17, 1998 denying our application to amend the reclamation plan to leave the Bryner Canyon culvert in place as part of the postmining land use at the Gordon Creek 2, 7 and 8 Mine sites, Mountain Coal Company is reviewing its options with respect to the maintenance or removal of the culvert. Mountain Coal Company will discuss those options with the Division and the landowner as we develop them and will submit a revised amendment when appropriate.

Sincerely,

  
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ARCO Coal Company  
for Mountain Coal Company

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