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ACT/007/016 #2
Copy to: Mary Ann

Re: Nominations for OSM's 1999 National Award and Utah's Earth Day Award

Dear David:

Enclosed please find six copies of Mountain Coal Company, LLC's ("MCC") nomination of the Gordon Creek 7 and 8 Mines reclamation for the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining's consideration for submittal to the Office of Surface Mining for the *1999 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Award*. Also enclosed for the Division's consideration are three copies of MCC's nomination for the *1999 Utah Oil, Gas and Mining Earth Day Award*.

Please feel free to contact me at (970)929-2256 should you have questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathleen G. Welt'.

Kathleen G. Welt
Environmental Supervisor