



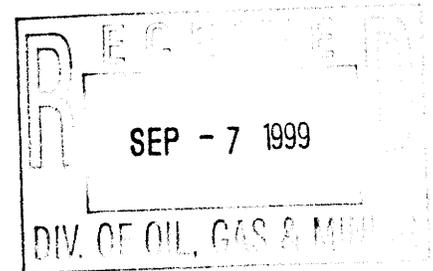
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~~ACT/007/016 #2~~  
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*Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
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*Re: Re-Application for Partial Bond Release  
Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines  
ACT/007/016  
Carbon County, Utah*

*Dear Ms. Littig:*

*Mountain Coal Company has completed Phase I of the approved reclamation plan for the Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines. This is based upon the completion of backfilling, grading, topsoil replacement and drainage control in accordance with the approved plan.*

*In accordance with the provisions of R645-301-880, Mountain Coal Company is hereby applying for partial release of the performance bond. The present bond posted for this site is \$641,443.00. Mountain Coal Company is applying for release of 60% of the original bond, or \$384,865.00. This will leave an amount of \$256,578.00 to be held until Phase II Bond Release. The disturbed area for this site was 24.30 acres.*

*Copies of letters for notification to land owners, agencies, and water companies in the area are enclosed. A copy of the newspaper advertisement to be placed along with submittal of this application is also enclosed. This advertisement will run for four consecutive weeks in the local area paper. Proof of publication will be forwarded to you upon receipt.*

*Also enclosed are updated topo maps, cross sections, channel sections and profiles, and mass balance calculations for the reclamation.*

*It is our hope this application will meet with your approval. If you have any questions, or need any further information, please let me know.*

*Respectfully,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan W. Guy".

*Dan W. Guy, P.E.  
for Chris Hansen*

*Encl.*

*cc: Chris Hansen  
Phil Schmidt  
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