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INCOMING
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cc: Pam E. SM

December 14, 2006

Calvin K. Jacob & Sons
c/o James Jacob
127 West 1700 South
Orem, Utah 84058-7451

Re: Sediment Pond Removal, Gordon Creek No. 2778 Mines, C/007/016
Carbon County, Utah

Gentlemen:

Mountain Coal Company, P. O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado, 81434, a subsidiary of Arch Western Bituminous Group, L.L.C., has filed with the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining an application for partial release of the reclamation performance bond for it's Gordon Creek No. 2778 Mines. If the Phase II Bond Release application is accepted by the Division, our current reclamation plan will require the mine to remove the sediment ponds at the downstream end of the reclaimed area.

Mountain Coal Company would like to discuss with you the potential for leaving those ponds in place for wildlife and livestock use. This would require the mine to modify the post-mining land-use information in the permit before the Division would allow the ponds to remain. The mine would need your, the property owner, approval first. If you have a desire for these ponds to remain after reclamation has been completed, please let me know. We would be happy to schedule a time and place to discuss this issue. My number is (435) 448-2669 or you can reach our consultant, Dan Guy, Blackhawk Engineering at (435) 637-2422. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Chris Hansen
Environmental Coordinator
Arch Western Bituminous Group

cc: Doug Nolte
Dan Guy
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