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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
NO. P 402 457 988

Mr. Robert H. Hagen, Director
Albuquerque Field Office
Office of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement
219 Central Avenue, NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Dear Mr. Hagen:

Re: Response to Ten-Day Notice (TDN) X-87-2-116-3 TV1, Gordon Creek
#3 and #6 Mines, INA/007/017, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

After careful consideration of the concerns raised in the above-referenced TDN, the Division does not feel it is appropriate to take enforcement action.

The space constraints imposed by the narrow canyon at this site prevent the slope requirements of UMC 817.46 from being met for one portion of the sediment pond embankment.

As an alternative, the Division has instructed the operator to provide a static safety factor analysis to demonstrate stability. Should the analysis indicate an unstable embankment, then the Division will take appropriate action to ensure the embankment is reconstructed.

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Please advise me if you have any further questions on this matter.

Best regards,



Dianne R. Nielson
Director

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