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Mr. Mark Mackiewicz
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Dear Mr. Mackiewicz:

Please find enclosed a copy of Soldier Creek Coal Company's proposed relocation of the rock disposal area. We ask that you review this proposal and comment on any adverse results that may occur from relocating the site from its existing permitted area.

Your promptness in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions please call me at (801) 637-6360. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY

Tom Paluso

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Chief Engineer

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Susan Linner
Mr. Larry Dalton

PROPOSED ROCK DISPOSAL AREA

I. INTRODUCTION

Soldier Creek Coal Company, the said owner and operator of the Soldier Canyon Mine located 12 miles north of Wellington City, is proposing to change the location of their rock disposal area. Soldier Creek Coal Company feels that their existing permitted area is inadequate to supply the rock disposal needs of the Soldier Canyon Mine's life of mine reserves. The Division of Oil, Gas & Mining (DOGM) has stated that the existing topsoil stockpile and sediment pond locations are not sufficient and must be relocated. To satisfy DOGM's constraints, additional property would have to be acquired, with a new sediment pond and topsoil stockpiles designed and approved by the proper agencies. Based upon these concerns, a more environmentally and economically sound area has been proposed for a life of mine rock disposal area.

II. LOCATION

The proposed new location of the life of mine rock disposal area is located 1200 yards to the south of the existing permitted rock disposal area (Exhibit 2.2-1). The said area is located on property controlled by the Bureau of Land Management. A proposed extension has also been included within the new proposed rock disposal area. This extension will allow for the expansion of the rock disposal site when the initial area has been maximized with fill. The said extension area is located on property controlled by Soldier Creek Coal Company (Exhibit 2.2-2). It should be noted that the extension area shall be utilized only at such time when the initial rock disposal area has been fully maximized with fill.

General locations of a sediment pond and topsoil stockpiles have been shown (Exhibit 2.2-2), but are not limited to these areas at such time.

III. JUSTIFICATION

Upon further investigation of the existing rock disposal area, it was decided that a better suited area could be utilized. From this conclusion, the new site area was proposed and selected. The new site area was chosen based upon all pertinent environmental and economical obligations. The proposed area will allow for an existing road to be utilized for haulage, with an existing drainage ditch to be used that will allow for water flow from the canyon to bypass the disposal area enroute to the Anderson Reservoir located below. Excellent topsoil stockpile locations, that will allow for minimal losses, can be found in the proposed area also. The proposed site will allow for minimal disturbance done to the area, while providing additional useable flat land upon completion of fill and reclamation of the site area.