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Re: N.O.V. # 94-26-1-1
Mountain Coal Co.
Gordon Creek No. 3/6 Mines
INA/007/017 #2
Carbon County, Utah

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Dear Ms. Littig:

Enclosed are 3 copies of a proposed amendment for the Gordon Creek No. 3/6 Mine permit. This information is being submitted for the abatement of the above referenced violation.

The purpose of the amendment is to designate 2 small areas of the reclaimed site as Small Area Exemptions. These are areas which do not drain to the sediment ponds; however, they are bermed and revegetated and show no evidence of erosion or discharge. The areas were part of the total minesite reclamation performed in 1986.

The justification for requesting the areas be approved as Small Area Exemptions is based on the recent Vegetation Surveys and Sediment Production Evaluation performed on the entire minesite for the Phase II Bond Release, which was submitted to the Division on 12/06/93. This information confirms the adequacy of the site revegetation and shows that sediment contribution is at or below, levels of the undisturbed areas; therefore, sediment control measures should not be necessary for the reclaimed site, including the areas proposed as Small Area Exemptions.

I have included a copy of the 1993 Vegetation Study and the Sediment Production Evaluation to be added as Appendices 10 and 11 respectively. Also included is a revised Plate 3-1A and pages 7-32 and 7-32a to replace corresponding pages in the M.R.P.

It is our hope this proposal meets with your approval. If you have any questions, or need any further information, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Dan W. Guy,
for Kathleen G. Welt

cc: Kathy Welt, MCC
Scot Anderson, Arco
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