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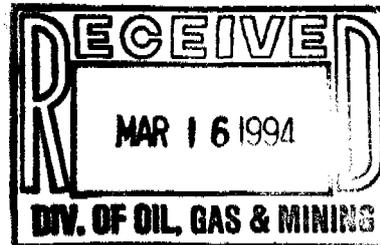
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Mountain Coal Company

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March 10, 1994



Mr. Lowell Braxton, Administrator
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
355 West North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Attn: Tom Munson

Re: Pond Maintenance Commitment
Application for Partial Bond Release
~~Gordon Creek No. 3/6 Mines~~
INA/007/017 #2
~~Carbon County, Utah~~

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Enclosed is a letter from the landowner at the Gordon Creek No. 3/6 Mines, committing to the sound future maintenance of the permanent ponds on site, as required by R645-301-880.320. Please add this letter to our request for partial bond release for this site.

If you have any questions, or need any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dan W. Guy
for
Kathleen Welt

Enclosures

cc: Kathy Welt - MCC
Tom Munson - DOGM
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March 1, 1994

Mr. Lowell Braxton, Administrator
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
355 West North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Mr. Braxton:

It is my understanding that Mountain Coal Company has applied for a partial bond release at the Gordon Creek No. 3/6 Mines, and as part of the requirements for such release, a commitment must be made for sound, future maintenance of the permanent ponds on site. Mountain Coal Company will continue to maintain the ponds until final bond release. After that time, I will maintain the ponds for their intended purpose to provide water for my livestock operations.

Sincerely,

Carl K. Jacob