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September 14, 1984

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
P-402-457-302

Mr. J. T. Paluso
Soldier Creek Coal Company
P. O. Box I
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Paluso:

Re: Vegetation Field Trials/Test Plots, Soldier Canyon Mine,
ACT/007/018, Folder #2, 3, 4, Carbon County Utah

The Division has reviewed your August 17, 1984 response to deficiencies regarding the revegetation field trial site. The plan is acceptable with the exception of the monitoring portion. With written acceptance of the following conditions, this plan is approved:

Condition 9-14-84-(1-2)-1k

1. At a minimum, field trial sites are to be monitored at the peak of the growing season for years 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, and every fifth year thereafter for the life of the field trial. A report giving the results of the monitoring must be submitted at the end of each year monitoring occurs.
2. A brief description of the sampling methodology for each parameter listed on page 9 of the May 29, 1984 submittal must be submitted for Division approval within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Sampling methodology must remain the same each year to allow valid comparisons from year to year. Also, productivity should not be sampled using harvest methods (i.e., clipping) since this could affect data in subsequent years.

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Please respond to these conditions prior to October 1, 1984.
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Lynn
Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist.

Sincerely,



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Permit Supervisor/
Reclamation Hydrologist

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