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CERTIFIED MAIL: RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. M. D. Ross  
 Vice-President and General Manager  
 Soldier Creek Coal Company  
 P.O. Box I  
 Price, Utah 84501

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DIVISION OF OIL  
GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Ross:

The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining are preparing to make an initial administrative decision on the Soldier Canyon Mine permit application package. The mine plan was approved March 11, 1985. Prior to issuance of the permit, you are required to submit the bond in the amount of \$1,090,800.00 payable to the United States of America and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. The bond, accompanied by the Division's bonding form, must be submitted to the Division offices within 30 days of receipt of this letter, with a copy to this office.

The permit will be issued after receipt of the bond and upon signature of the Administrator. The regulatory authority will provide notification of the decision in the Sun-Advocate newspaper.

You or any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the issuance of the permit or any condition contained in the permit has 30 days from the date of newspaper publication to request a hearing on the reasons for the decision in accordance with UMC 787.11.

If the bond is not received within the specified time frame, the decision will be to disapprove the permit application package and not issue a permit. Your authority to continue operations under the interim program will then terminate.

If you have any questions, please contact Walter Swain or Mark Humphrey of my staff at (303) 844-3806.

Sincerely,

*Richard E. Danner*  
 Allen D. Klein  
 Administrator  
 Western Technical Center

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