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Dear Dr. Nielson:

On March 31, 1986, Soldier Creek Coal Company submitted a permit application package to OSMRE for a permit revision and mining plan modification for their Soldier Canyon mine (UT-023). Two new Federal leases, U-0144820 and U-89096, were being added to the mining plan approval area. This would require a Secretarial approval of the proposed mining and reclamation plan.

I have recently learned that as of October 11, 1985, these two Federal leases were exchanged with the State of Utah and are now State coal leases ML-42648 and ML-42649. Since there is now no Federal coal nor Federal surface involved in this application, and no major change in the mining is planned for the approved area, no Secretarial mining plan approval will be required for this proposal.

If you have any questions, please call Rick Lawton or Richard Holbrook at (303) 844-2451.

Sincerely,

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