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September 5, 1986

Mr. J. T. Paluso
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Dear Mr. Paluso:

Re: Condition Approval, MRP Amendment/Incidental Boundary Change,
Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018,
Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has completed the review of Soldier Creek Coal Company's August 20, 1986 submittal requesting approval to increase the size of the permit acreage at the Soldier Canyon Mine. The operator submitted a request to increase acreage within the permit boundary from 2,144 to 4,348 acres as part of their March 26, 1986 Permit Application Package (PAP). That proposal is still under review by the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) and this Division. In order to allow for timely development of the rockslopes which will provide access to the Sunnyside coal seam, Soldier Creek Coal is requesting permission to expand operations into State Mineral Lease ML-46249 prior to final PAP approval.

Soldier Creek Coal Company has outlined an area which approximates 26 acres on a mine sequence map labeled Exhibit 4.3-2, Drawing No. E - 048, Rock Canyon Seam Mine Plan 1986 - 1990. The Division has determined that a maximum area of ten (10) acres could be approved under the Incidental Boundary Change (IBC) category UMC 788.12. An IBC is a change to the approved permit area which is less than one (1) percent, or 10 acres, whichever is smaller. All approved incidental boundary changes over the five-year permit term are considered cumulative.

A portion of the mine sequence map has been xeroxed. The IBC area has been cross-hatched and highlighted for your reference. As a condition to this approval, Soldier Creek must revise the original mine development sequence map to reflect the IBC area which is being approved. Please provide ten (10) copies of the revised map by September 22, 1986 which will be forwarded to the appropriate regulatory agencies to update their files.

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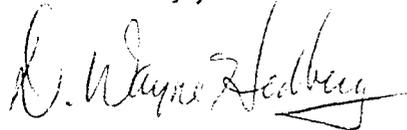
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The Division appreciates your cooperation in finalizing this permitting activity. Please call should you have any questions or concerns with this review.

Sincerely,



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