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TO: File  
FROM: Susan Linner, Reclamation Biologist/Permit Supervisor *scl*  
RE: Mid-Permit Term Review, Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018 and CEP/007/018, Folder #2

## SUMMARY:

The Soldier Canyon Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) was reviewed for administrative and permitting issues relative to the initiation of a mid-permit term review (MPTR).

## ANALYSIS:

The MRP was found to be up to date in these areas, with the exception of information regarding the 1988 exploration program. Several holes were drilled in the fall of 1988, which were not finally reclaimed. In January of 1989 four more holes were drilled with approval from the BLM. Soldier Creek Coal Company (SCCC) notified the Division in a letter received March 31, 1989 that these holes were cemented but would not be reclaimed because of new portal disturbance planned in the area. The status of, or timing for reclamation of the original holes was not established.

## RECOMMENDATION:

As part of a MPTR submittal, SCCC should submit updated information on the 1988 exploration program, which should include a map showing the location of all holes drilled, and the area to be affected by portal construction in 1989. A narrative should also be submitted documenting when final reclamation will be achieved for those holes which will not be redisturbed. SCCC should commit to notify the Division when reclamation is finished so that an inspection of the revegetated areas can be done. This information does not have to be formatted for insertion into the MRP.

cc: J. Leatherwood  
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