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Mr. Thomas Paluso
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Dear Mr. Paluso:

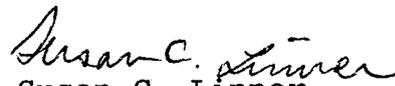
Re: Conditional Approval, Mid-Permit Term Review, Soldier
Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018, Folder #3, Carbon County,
Utah

The Division has completed review of the submittals received June 23, 1989 and November 10, 1989, in response to the April 25, 1989 Mid-Permit Term Review (MPTR) requirements. The information submitted has been found adequate to grant approval of the MPTR, with a stipulation (attached).

Further review of the approved designs for the proposed waste rock disposal site has shown there to be problems with implementing the plan in regards to stockpiling of topsoil, undisturbed diversions and the sedimentation pond. Soldier Creek Coal Company must submit and receive approval for revised designs for the proposed facility before any construction or placement of waste can occur.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Susan C. Linner
Reclamation Biologist/
Permit Supervisor

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Attachments

cc: R. Hagen

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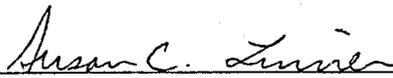
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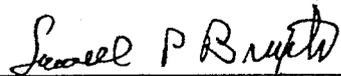
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1. The Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) has been updated by submittals dated June 23, 1989 and November 10, 1989 into a complete and current document. A stipulation to this approval requires submittal of detailed designs prior to construction of a waste rock disposal facility.
2. The updated MRP has been reviewed and found to comply with current Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) policy and rules.
3. Division technical and inspection staff have found that on-site conditions comply with requirements of the MRP and the rules.
4. The reclamation bond has been reviewed and found to be more than adequate. The operator is bonded for disturbance which has not occurred. The bond requirement will be recalculated after detailed designs for the new surface facilities and a waste rock disposal area have been submitted.



Susan C. Linner
Permit Supervisor



Lowell P. Braxton
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STIPULATIONS

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Stipulation UMC 817.71-(1) - JRH

1. At least 120 days prior to proposed development, or by October 3, 1991 at the latest, Soldier Creek Coal Company must submit new detailed designs for development, operation, and reclamation of a facility for the permanent disposal of excess spoil and/or underground development waste in accordance with the requirements of this rule.

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