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TO: Susan Linner, Permit Supervisor

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RE: Review of Soldier Creek Coal Company's Request for an
Incidental Boundary Change Received April 17, 1989, Soldier
Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Summary:

The request for the IBC referenced above is not complete and cannot be approved until SCCC provides detailed plans for the proposal.

Analysis:

SCCC stated in the request that all environmental and legal concerns involved with this (IBC proposal) property have been answered in the existing MRP. While impacts to the stream would not be expected from driving entries (which it appears is all that will be done at this time), the existing MRP does not address the potential impacts to wildlife from potential dewatering of the stream, seeps and or springs that could result from mining this property. Before the Division can approve the full development of this property, SCCC must identify the potential impacts of subsidence to these resources and develop an appropriate mitigation plan.

Recommendations:

Driving of the entries could be approved prior to addressing the above comment. However, before full development, SCCC needs to respond adequately to these concerns.

cc: J. Leatherwood
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