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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT  
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Mr. Robert Hagen  
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Dear Mr. Hagen:

Re: TDN #X-90-2-116-1, Soldier Creek Coal Company, ACT/007/018, Carbon County, Utah

A TDN was written for: "Failure to record accurate blasting logs for each surface blast. Direction and distance to the nearest dwelling was not completed on daily blasting records for any blasting records reviewed, and location of each blast was not accurately documented on any blasting records reviewed". With respect to the referenced Ten Day Notice (TDN), the Division offers the following response:

The statutory reporting requirements (UCA 1953 40-10-17(0) et sec), require reporting for blasting within one-half mile or 2,640 feet from the nearest dwelling or structure. Map #4.2-1 of the approved M. R. P. clearly indicates that there are no dwellings within the distance requirement.

The blasting records (ATT) reflect the existence of a structure (utility line) 100 feet to the southwest of the blast locations, 2,540 feet down then the one-half mile requirement.

The locations for each blast are identified on the blasting records (ATT) and further identified in the approved (MRP) Map #10.1.1-1.

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I believe that questions regarding the accuracy of the location of the blast and the distance requirements for blasting procedures, could have been answered by further investigation of the regulations and the approved MRP. The TDN is not valid and should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

  
Lowell P. Braxton  
Associate Director, Mining

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cc: Tom Paluso, Soldier Creek Coal Co.  
Joseph C. Helfrich, DOGM  
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