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DIVISION OF  
OIL GAS & MINING

RE: Request for Extension for Addressing Permit Deficiencies,  
Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine ACT/007/018  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Soldier Creek Coal Company (SC<sup>3</sup>) is in the midst of its county road relocation construction project. Earthwork is ongoing at this time, with final grading and completion scheduled for September 30, 1991. Upon completion, SC<sup>3</sup> intends on having an interim as-built topographic map made of the existing facilities. This map will serve as an interim facilities expansion map, until the proposed facilities are approved and constructed, and for accurately supplying the critical information necessary for determining mass balance volumes.

As you are aware, SC<sup>3</sup> must submit mass balance calculations as part of its permit deficiencies to the Division by October 11, 1991. Because of the earthwork presently taking place, SC<sup>3</sup> does not have the accurate material volume information necessary for calculating a mass balance for the entire disturbed area. If SC<sup>3</sup> were to submit mass balance calculations, final reclaimed contours with the appropriate runoff control, and bonding calculations by the October 11, 1991 deadline, they would all be grossly incorrect and inconsistent with the R614 regulations.

SC<sup>3</sup> is seeking the cooperation of the Division to grant an extension to the October 11, 1991 deadline until January 1, 1992. This additional time will allow SC<sup>3</sup> to have the Soldier Canyon Mine Site aerially photographed and provided with a final contour map, to be used by us and our consultants, for determining mass balance, volumes, bonding, and final reclaimed contours with the appropriate runoff control. Since the majority of the permit deficiencies are dependent on an accurate mass balance and final contour configuration, SC<sup>3</sup> would greatly appreciate the Division's approval for a January 1, 1992 extension on all the permit deficiencies.

I trust you will find our concerns valid and worthy of an extension to the October 11, 1991 deadline. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Tom Paluso.

Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY



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Environmental Coordinator

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cc: Daron R. Haddock