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Daron R. Haddock
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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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RE: Minor Coal Exploration Permit, Construction of Water
Monitoring Wells,
Soldier Creek Coal Company, ACT/007/018
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Daron:

Soldier Creek Coal Company (SC3), Soldier Canyon Mine, is seeking an exploration permit for the drilling of two (2) additional monitoring wells (Drawing D-295). SC3 has contracted Earthfax Engineering, Inc. 7324 South 1300 East, Suite 100, Midvale, Utah 84047, (801) 561-1555 to oversee the well construction and gather the necessary data. Zimmerman Well Service has been subcontracted by Earthfax to drill the wells. SC3 has applied for monitoring well construction permits through the Division of Water Rights and is awaiting their approval. The Applicant has also submitted information to the BLM requesting a Land Use Permit for the construction of well #3.

Well site #2 will be constructed in the northeast corner of the rancher's field (see Drawing D-295), which is within SC3's land ownership. An air rotary drill rig will be used to construct this well. Mud pits will not be necessary with this type of drill rig. The exploration period will be during the month of March 1991. An access road will not need to be constructed because there is already one presently being used by the rancher. Once on the field, the vehicles will travel as shown on Drawing D-295. It is critical that this well be drilled as soon as possible so that the construction does not interfere with the ranchers schedule.

Reclamation of the site will be simple. All compacted areas will be scarified and reseeded with alfalfa for use by the rancher.

Well site #3 will be constructed on BLM land. SC3 has applied for a Land Use Permit to construct a groundwater monitoring well and is awaiting their approval. The location of well site #3 is shown on Drawing D-295. As shown on Drawing D-295, an established access

road exists. SC3 will use the established road to access the site. The well will be constructed approximately 10 feet to 20 feet off the side of the road. Ingress and egress will continue along this road. An air rotary drill rig will also be used in the construction of this well.

SC3 will reclaim the exploration related disturbance by scarifying compacted areas, regrading to approximate original contour if and where needed, reseeding and mulching.

It is very critical that the Division responds quickly to this matter. If you need further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY



Johnny Pappas
Environmental Coordinator

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Enclosure