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DIVISION OF
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Diane R. Nielson - Director
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RE: Soldier Canyon Mine Surface Facilities
Permitting

Dear Diane:

I'd like to thank you and your staff for your time and effort expended in trying to resolve the permitting problems related to our proposed surface facilities and topsoil storage site.

Due to an unforeseen significant reduction in run-of-mine coal quality, it is imperative that our preparation plant be constructed immediately. The construction of this plant had originally been scheduled for 1993. Due to the current coal quality problem, Soldier Creek Coal Company is unable to meet contractual obligations with several customers. In an effort to alleviate this situation, coal of suitable quality and combustion characteristics is being purchased from another operator.

However, the available quantity of this coal is limited. I'm sure you will appreciate that purchasing coal from another operator is not a cost effective method of doing business.

For your information and planning purposes, I am enclosing a schedule for the permitting and construction of all surface facilities at the mine site and the topsoil storage site located south of the mine site. Please note that this schedule is very "tight" and all items including the permit work must be completed in an extremely condensed time frame. The future of Soldier Creek Coal Company is very dependent upon your agency's timely review and approval of our submittals.

I personally pledge that Soldier Creek Coal Company will continue to do whatever is necessary to assist you and your staff in these matters.

Once again, thanks for your help so far! If I can be of any further information or assistance in this issue, please contact me.

Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY

Rick

R.W. Olsen
President

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Enclosure

**SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY
ACTIVITY TIME SCHEDULE**

**DESIGN / BUILD SCHEDULE - COAL PREPARATION PLANT
WITH ASSOCIATED STORAGE, HANDLING, & LOADOUT FACILITIES**

ACTIVITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Surface Facilities (DOGM) Public Notice		1/17-2/7																
Public Comment		2/7-3/7																
Topsoil Storage Site (DOGM) Public Notice		2/12-3/5																
Public Comment			3/5-4/2															
Backfill Culvert with Underground Development Waste			3/11-3/31															
Stockpiled Topsoil Removal				4/2-4/12														
Road Relocation				4/2-4/31														
Surface Facilities Bid Package			3/4-4/8															
Surface Facilities Construction							4/5-12/15											
YEAR	1991												1992					