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Daron R. Haddock
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RE: Minor Coal Exploration Permit, Construction of Monitoring
Well for Permanent Waste Rock Facility
Soldier Creek Coal Company, ACT/007/018
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Daron:

Soldier Creek Coal Company (SC3) is requesting an exploration permit for the drilling of a well and access to the well site. SC3 is in the process of preparing a PAP for a waste rock storage site. In order to do this, a well must be established to gather additional PHC information. The request of permit is to establish the well and allow access to the well site.

The well is located approximately 3 miles south of Soldier Canyon Mine and is located within SC3's land surface ownership. An existing road provides access to the reservoir located in the area and just south of the proposed well site. A new road would be graded starting near the end of the existing road and to the west side of the reservoir. This road will follow the side of the reservoir and end at a point where the area is flat enough for vehicular travel to the well site (Drawing D-295). The well will be placed just north of the reservoir as shown on the Well Site Map (Drawing D-295). The monitoring well will remain for the LOM.

The road will be constructed to temporarily provide access to the well site. The Applicant would like to leave this road in use for access to the site, until permanent access is established through the waste rock storage site. The exploration period will be during the month of February 1991 and final completion of the waste rock storage site will be on or about November 31, 1991. At that time, the road will be reclaimed to the approximate original contour and seeded, using seed mix typical of the area.

The Applicant's representative overseeing the operations will be: Tom Paluso, Chief Engineer, Soldier Creek Coal Company, P.O. Box I, Price, Utah 84501 (801) 637-6360. EarthFax Engineering, Inc., 7324

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South 1300 East, Suite 100, Midvale, Utah 84047, (801) 561-1555 is contracted to this project. EarthFax has subcontracted the well drilling to Zimmerman Well Service. Presently, the road grading has not been contracted out.

SC3 has applied for a monitoring well construction permit through the Division of Water Rights and is awaiting their approval.

If further information is needed for the permit, please call me. Your promptness in this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY



Johnny Pappas
Environmental Coordinator

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Enclosure