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TO: Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor
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RE: **Initial Completeness Review, Temporary Waste and Topsoil Storage Facilities, Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018-90-1, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah**

SUMMARY:

A proposal for the temporary waste and topsoil storage facilities was submitted to the Division on December 10, 1990. The operator has requested that a determination of completeness for this project be made as soon as possible in order to expedite the newspaper public notice.

This review constitutes a general review of the proposed facility in order to determine whether or not the operator has provided sufficient information for publication. This review is not intended to be a technical completeness review and additional deficiencies may be found in these reviews when they occur.

ANALYSIS:

Page 2-4 of the submittal indicated that there are no areas within this site which are considered as Prime Farmland. The operator needs a determination from the SCS in order to substantiate this information.

Information is currently under review by the Division regarding Alluvial Valley Floors. This determination must be made by the Division prior to determination of completeness. Review of the information provided by the operator in order to make this determination has not yet been completed, and, the Division may require additional information in order to make that determination.

Because the area is not contiguous to the existing permit area, a CHIA will have to be made by the Division in conjunction with the new facilities. Sufficient PHC information has not been presented in the proposal in order to complete the CHIA. Additionally, the operator intends on expanding the facilities to provide for permanent

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waste storage facilities. Assessment of the entire area needs to be made by the Division prior to determining the temporary storage area complete. Detailed information or commitments by the operator to provide information in their PHC will have to be accomplished prior to determination of completeness of the proposed facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This initial review of the temporary waste and topsoil storage facilities indicates that the proposal cannot be determined complete at this time. Specific deficiencies and requirements in order to determine the site complete will be submitted to the operator in conjunction with the technical review which is forthcoming by the staff.

