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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Permit: ACT-007-018
Mine Name: Soldier Creek

Mr. James W. Carter, Director
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Department of Natural Resources
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355 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Dear Mr. Carter:

The enclosed Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) inspection report identifies violations that are considered to have existed at the time of the last State complete inspection (LSCI) but had not been cited.

Date of Federal Inspection: 9/16/93 ; Date of LSCI: 9/9/93

The determination that the State did not cite the violations is based on one or more of the following reasons:

The condition was identified in a State inspection report but no State enforcement action was taken.

Design criteria or required certification has not been met for a structure in existence as of the last State complete inspection (sediment pond, excess spoil fill, etc.). (1 of 3, 2 of 3)

Necessary controls that were required at the time of the last State complete inspection have not been established (diversion ditches, sediment ponds, top soil protection, signs and markers, etc.).

Site conditions indicate that the violation(s) noted had been in existence at the time of, or prior to, the last State complete inspection.

Other (give explanation). Mine plan revision (3 of 3)

Although the violations were cited by the State, OSM believes that the violations were evident during the last State complete inspection.

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Indicate below the Division's reason(s) for not citing the alleged violations.

- Not a violation
- Precluded by State policy
- Not included under State program
- Warning given in Lieu of a Citation
- Violation not recognized (missed)
- Practice allowed under approved permit
- Too minor to cite
- Working with operator to correct
- Other: _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return your signed and dated response to the Albuquerque Field Office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Stephen G. Rathbun, Chief
Inspection and Enforcement Branch

Enclosure