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TO: Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor

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RE: Draft Mid-Term Review, Soldier Canyon Mine, Soldier Creek Coal Company, ACT/007/018, Working File, Carbon County, Utah

SYNOPSIS

Soldier Creek has proposed amending its mining and reclamation plan in response to the mid-term review. The proposal is dated March 7, 1995, and was received by the Division March 13, 1995.

ANALYSIS

INTERIM REVEGETATION CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-331, R645-301-352

Analysis:

Soldier Creek has proposed changing its mining and reclamation plan to allow the No. 3 fan site to be retained indefinitely. They also added a commitment to do additional interim seeding on an "as-needed" basis.

The commitment to do additional interim seeding as needed satisfies the requirements made in the mid-term review. A performance standard that will be enforced is that Soldier Creek needs to attempt to control noxious weeds, particularly near the No. 3 fan site.

A Coastal States Energy employee has said he collected seed of virgin's bower (*Clematis ligusticifolia*) and gave it to the Lone Peak State Nursery for them to try to grow. If the nursery is successful, Soldier Creek should plant seedlings on the slopes near the No. 3 fan site.

Findings:

Soldier Creek has complied with the requirements of these sections of the mid-term review.

