

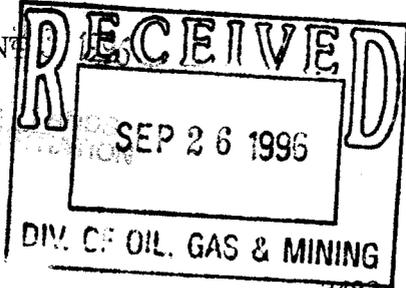
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Re: Soldier Creek Coal Company's (Soldier Creek) Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2),
Alkali Creek Lease Tract, Soldier Canyon Mine and Dugout Canyon Mine

Dear Mr. Olsen:

In February 1996, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Soldier Creek's revised R2P2 for the Soldier Canyon and Dugout Canyon Mines. Also, in June of 1996, an addendum to the revised R2P2 was submitted to our office. The submittal served two purposes: one to request approval for the revised R2P2; the other to supplement and modify the Soldier Creek's Application for a Logical Mining Unit (LMU). This letter only addresses **Soldier Creek's proposed revision to the R2P2**. The remaining issue, concerning your LMU, will be addressed by our State Office at a later date.

The BLM has reviewed Soldier Creek's proposed R2P2 revision and all available information concerning the mining of the subject area. We find that Soldier Creek is in conformance with the regulation at 43 CFR 3482 and the proposed R2P2 appears to be a logical and prudent mine plan which shall provide for maximum recovery of the coal reserve.

Therefore, BLM has determined the proposed R2P2 revision as described in the February and June submittals does comply with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and stipulations, and will achieve maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal. Thus, approval of Soldier Creek's R2P2 revision is granted.

If you have any questions, please contact Barry Grosely in the Price River Resource Area at (801) 636-3606.

Sincerely,
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