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June 9, 1999

Richard Manus  
 Area Supervisor  
 Bureau of Land Management  
 125 South 600 West  
 Price, Utah 84501

RE: Planned Sealing of Soldier Canyon Mine

Dear Mr. Manus:

On November 1, 1998 all coal production activities at the Soldier Canyon Mine were idled. The decision to idle Soldier Canyon was based upon the inability to make profit combined with the difficulty in selling lower quality coal (higher ash) that was being extracted via continuous mining methods from the Alkali Tract lease at Soldier Canyon.

The successful start-up of initial mining activities during third quarter, 1998 at Dugout Canyon allowed the majority of the employees at Soldier Canyon to be transferred to the new Dugout Canyon Mine which will be a longwall based operation. A portion of the employees were kept at Soldier Canyon to maintain the workings and recover assets that could be used at Dugout Canyon Mine or other mines within Canyon Fuel Company or Arch Western Resources. For the most part, the recovery of assets has been on-going since the idling of the mine.

The purpose of this letter is to formally advise you that the Soldier Canyon Mine will be sealed by no later than July 5, 1999.

As part of the sealing process, I am advising you of eight (8) units of major mining equipment that will be sealed within the mine. These units are basically "cannibalized" and cannot be economically repaired/rebuilt and thence moved to the surface for further salvage. The location of the units are indicated on the enclosed map of the Soldier Canyon workings. Please be advised that the units' fluids have been drained and properly disposed of; all batteries (if applicable) have been removed and properly disposed of; and there are no currently known toxic substances or materials associated with the units.

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Mary Ann  
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The units of major mining equipment to be left in by the proposed seals are as follows:

Map Item #	Description
1	# 4 Stamler feeder/breaker (serial # 11421)
2	#7 Fletcher roof bolter (serial #80052)
3	Joy "Air Track" drill (no serial-#)
4	DC Joy shuttle car (no serial #)
5	Long Airdox feeder/breaker (no serial #)
6	# 7 Fletcher roof bolter (serial # 80052)
7	#6 Fletcher roof bolter (serial # 79074)
8	#5 Stamler feeder/breaker (serial # 11775)

If you have a desire to inspect these units or their location, please contact me by no later than June 22, 1999.

If you have any questions related to this submittal, please contact me or David Spillman (Manager-Technical Services) at (435) 637-6360.

Sincerely,



Reid W. Olsen

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D. Pick - SLC  
D. Spillman

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