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CERTIFIED MAIL

William R. Skaggs
Blue Blaze Coal Company
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Dear Mr. Skaggs:

Re: Permit Application Package, Blue Blaze Coal Company, Blue Blaze Mine,
PRO/007/020

We recently received a copy of a letter addressed to Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, from our Southeast District Engineer, Mr. David R. Ariotti. In this letter he states that the applicant should contact the Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) concerning the approval order dated March 3, 1981, which was included in the permit application package. To date, we have not heard from you. However, we offer the following comments:

1. Through our initial investigation, we have determined you are the owner/operator of the Blue Blaze Mine and wish to commence operation.
2. The approval order dated March 3, 1981, was issued by the BAQ to a previous owner/operator. As far as we know, the mine was never operated and there has not been a program of continuous construction since that time. Section 3.1.5, Utah Air Conservation Regulations (UACR), states that if a continuous program of construction, installation, modification, relocation or establishment is not proceeding, (18 months after issuance of an approval order), the Executive Secretary may revoke the approval order. Blue Blaze Coal Company needs to furnish the BAQ the details on this situation so an approval order decision can be made.

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3. If a new approval order needs to be issued, it must be done in accordance with Section 3.1, UACR. A new notice of intent (NOI) would need to be submitted to the BAQ and an approval order be issued prior to initiation of construction or modification. A source is required to apply Best Available Control Technology (BACT) to all emission points (BACT would be determined on 1990, not 1981, technology).

After we review your details and/or a new NOI, we will decide whether we can amend the 1981 approval order or need to issue a new order. In any event, current BACT will be required. Please be advised that it may take as long as six months for the BAQ to issue an approval order after the notice of intent has been received. A complete and accurate notice of intent will save you considerable time. If you have any questions, please contact Donald Robinson, Engineering Manager, at (801) 538-6108.

Sincerely,



for F. Burnell Cordner, Executive Secretary
Utah Air Conservation Committee

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cc: Southeast Utah District Health Department
David R. Ariotti, Regional Engineer
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