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From: Assistant District Manager, Minerals Resources
Subject: Mine Plan Review, Blue Blaze Mine

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If you have any questions, please contact Gary Johnson, Chief - Price Coal Office at 801/637-4584.

/S/ WILLIAM C. STRINGER

Attachment:
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cc: Price Coal Office (U-055c) (w/attachment)
SD, Utah (U-921) (w/attachment)
State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Salt Lake City, Utah (w/attachment)

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OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING
Reclamation and Enforcement
1020 15th Street
Denver, Colorado 80202
July 30, 1991

Notification/Transmittal

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TO:	OSM Albuquerque Field Office (UT01)	1 Copy Sent
	BLM Moab District (UT03)	1 Copy Sent
	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (UT50)	No Copy Sent
	BLM Price Resource Area (UT06)	1 Copy Sent
	XBLM Utah State Office (UT02)	No Copy Sent

FROM: R. HOLBROOK, Project Manager 
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Western Support Center, Federal Programs Division

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) has received the following materials. If noted above, a copy of these materials was forwarded to you by Utah DOGM. Please review the enclosed materials. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Utah DOGM at (801) 538-5340.

OSM ID: 91/07/26-07 for the BLUE BLAZE Mine
Sent by: UT Division of Oil, Gas & Mining (DOGM) Dated: 07/22/91
Materials: Loose Pages and Maps
Descript: 1--RESPONSES TO TECHNICAL DEFICIENCY REVIEW - BLUE BLAZE MINE
A Mining Plan UNDER REVIEW by OSM and Utah DOGM`

These materials are related to a pending mining plan and permit action under the Utah Cooperative Agreement (30 CFR 944.30). Please SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO Utah DOGM BY SEPTEMBER 3, 1991.

FEDERAL LAND MANAGING AGENCIES--If lands under your jurisdiction will be affected by this action, you should notify Utah DOGM of any concerns with protection of the non-coal resources and the proposed post-mining land uses of those lands. If you are an agency outside of the Department of the Interior, YOUR CONCURRENCE IS REQUIRED for mining plan approval.

BLM SOLID MINERALS GROUP--Your recommendation on the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) including your findings on Maximum Economic Recovery and compliance of the proposed operations with lease conditions and the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) are REQUIRED FOR MINING PLAN APPROVAL. OSM also needs your Federal lands unsuitability analysis under 43 CFR Subpart 3461 for Federal lands in the proposed permit area.

OSM FIELD OFFICE--This material is for your review with respect to inspection and enforcement concerns. Your review time is NOT subject to the fee collection provisions.