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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Allen Smith
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RE: Water Monitoring
Blazon No. 1 Mine
ACT/007/021, Folder No. 7 & 9

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed is a modification for NOV No. 1 of 1 (N83-2-13-1) extending the abatement deadline until November 20, 1983. The water quality data submitted October 7, 1983 is, in general, more than adequate to meet the monitoring requirements of the approved water monitoring program which was submitted in the interim program mine plan addendum dated August 29, 1979 (approved July 3, 1980) and the revised monitoring schedule which was authorized August 25, 1983. I realize that the monitoring program proposed in the permanent program application is being implemented. There is no problem with this, as it is a much better program, except that the surface water quality analyses should include analyses for oil and grease & for acidity (when the pH is less than 8.3) in accordance with the approved plan.

As questionably high levels of oil and grease were detected in the October 1981 samples from Mud Creek and Snider Canyon Creek, this parameter needs to be checked now (before the next scheduled sampling in June). Therefore, NOV #N83-2-13-1 will not be terminated until the results of oil and grease analyses are received for all stations monitored. Then, please ensure that all required parameters are analyzed in future samples. If you have any questions contact John Whitehead or myself.

Also enclosed for your information is an update on the status of regulations in the Utah Coal Mining & Reclamation Permanent Program Chapter I that were previously remanded or suspended by the Secretary of the Interior or the U. S. Court of Appeals. These were indicated by asterisks in the September 20, 1982 edition. I couldn't remember if you had the newer edition of the regulations or not, so before you get totally confused, I could send you a copy of the new edition. Let me know if you need it.

Sincerely,

SANDY PRUITT
FIELD SPECIALIST

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Enclosures

cc: John Whitehead, DOGM
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