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To: Inspection and Enforcement File

From: Holland Shepherd *HWS*

Re: Blazon Site compliance and Reclamation, ACT/007/021,
Inspection and Enforcement Folder #7.

A site visit was conducted Tuesday morning September 9, 1986 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Blazon #1 mine site. I was accompanied by Mr. Jack Otani, a local contractor and land owner of the property. The purpose of the visit was to review compliance problems at the site and to discuss reclamation proceedings with Mr. Otani.

According to Mr. Otani he is to be responsible for site compliance and reclamation. He has made an agreement with the mine operator, North American Equities, to assume the above responsibilities. Apparently Mr. Otani will not be reimbursed monetarily for his work, but will be compensated through already existing land improvements (road, pad area, culverts, etc.), and through the acquisition of equipment left behind by the coal operator.

Relative to NoV 86-4-10-1, issued by Dave Lof this week, Mr. Otani related that the noncompliance problems had been created by the removal of a large coal bin from the site by Coastal States Energy Company. According to Mr. Otani, Coastal had contracted with Lowdermilk, a local heavy equipment contractor, to move the bin from the Blazon site. In the process of disassembling the bin and removing it from the site one large berm was breached, dirt and trash deposited in drainage ditches, and debris strewn across the site in several places. Mr. Otani was upset at the lack of care Lowdermilk had taken in removing the bin, and stated that he felt he and North American Equities should not be penalized for the situation.

By the time of this visit Mr. Otani had already rectified the major noncompliance problems on the site. The large berm at the north end of the site had been replaced. A breach had occurred inbetween the sediment pond and the stream channel. Ditch C at the outer west edge of the pad has been improved and redefined, and the berm supporting it has been heightened and widened in spots. The culvert in Ditch B has been unplugged. Some road grading has occurred to improve drainage to the sediment pond.

According to Mr. Otani, he intends to initiate reclamation this fall. He indicated that he would begin reclaiming the site soon and

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would probably be contacting the Division soon regarding reclamation and specific requirements involved with the reclamation plan. He also requested that Division employees contact him regarding any future inspections or questions which might arise concerning the Blazon reclamation.

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