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March 11, 1981

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1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

RE: Castle Valley Spur ARCO Coal Company

Dear Mr. Smith:

The staff of the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer has received for review a mine plan for the Castle Valley Spur, the ARCO Coal Company. As requested by your February 17, 1981 letter, the mine plan of this loading facility has been reviewed. The survey indicated that there are no known sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in this coal loading area. Our office agrees with this professional determination, and believes that there would be no known effect on any cultural resource sites if this mine plan was to take place.

It has been brought to our attention that the Office of Surface Mining has a problem with this particular survey because it has not followed the draft guidelines for cultural surface reports that the Office of Surface Mining has put out. Our staff has no opinion as to whether or not the report should meet the guidelines as put out by the Office of Surface Mining, it appears that they are simply guidelines for reports, and should only be taken as guidelines to be followed or modified depending on each mine plan and the nature of the cultural resources.

If you have any questions, please contact James L. Dykman, Cultural Resource Advisor, Utah State Historical Society, Preservation Development, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 (801) 533-7039.

Sincerely,

Melvin T. Smith  
Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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