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RE: C.V. Spur  
Beaver Creek Coal Co.  
ACT/007/022  
Carbon County, Utah  
Thickener Overflow Pond

Dear Ken,

On October 8, 1980, inspectors from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining conducted a partial inspection of the C.V. Spur facility. It was observed at this time that an "as built" pond had been recently constructed.

This pond was excavated in response to an emergency situation where the coal thickener had to be emptied. Inspectors requested that plans be submitted to address the thickener overflow pond. A prompt response was received regarding this from Mr. Dan Guy in a November 1980 letter. The Division elected to review these plans as part of the overall review conducted of Beaver Creek's application under the Permanent Program entitled "Mining and Reclamation Plan C.V. Spur" received by the Division on February 9, 1981. Comments on the thickener overflow pond have been addressed in the Apparent Completeness Review (ACR) forwarded to your office on April 3, 1981.

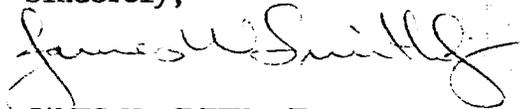
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During a recent quarterly complete inspection of the C.V. Spur conducted on September 14, 1981, it was brought to our attention that no formal response to the November 7, 1980, approval request was available. As you know, part of the inspection process requires inspectors to view pertinent approval correspondence of all new facilities (those not included in the interim approval package). This letter is intended to address this situation and is to be considered a tentative approval for this facility, until such time as final approval is granted for the Mining and Reclamation Plan under the permanent program.

Hopefully, this ambiguity has not caused any inconvenience.

Sincerely,



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