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Mr. Tom Paluso
Soldier Creek Coal Company
P. O. Box "I"
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Tom

Dear Mr. Paluso:

Re: Banning Siding Coal Preparation Plant, PRO/007/034, Carbon County, Utah

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, I have copied for you correspondence to Michael J. Van Wagenen (Savage Coal) regarding the reclamation permits required for the Banning Siding Preparation facility. Subsequent to our conversation, I realized that I had given you some erroneous information regarding the permit status of Banning, should an operator opt to relocate the coal preparation equipment.

In that conversation I indicated that no reclamation permit for Banning would be required in the event that the preparation equipment (crushing, screening, grinding, physical and chemical impurity separation) were to be relocated to an already permitted facility. In reviewing the Division's policy in that regard, it became apparent that to be consistent with the policy, all preparation plants that were active operations as defined above in the fall of 1985, must have a valid reclamation permit. Therefore, it would appear that my statement notwithstanding the reclamation permit for Banning would be required, regardless of the relocation of preparation equipment to another permitted site. I apologize for the misunderstanding that I gave you on the telephone last week. Please advise if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lowell P. Braxton'.

Lowell P. Braxton
Administrator
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cc: M.J. Van Wagenen, Savage Coal
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