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TO: Sue Linner, Permit Supervisor  
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RE: Determination of Completeness Review (July 12, 1988 Revised Pages) Soldier Creek Coal Company, Banning Loadout, ACT/007/034, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Summary:

The Revised pages for the Banning Loadout MRP have been reviewed for completeness. The application can be considered apparently complete, however there are several technical concerns that need to be clarified.

Analysis:

UMC 782.17 Permit Term Information

Complete. Page 1-33 has been revised to request a five-year permit term.

UMC 784.13 Reclamation Plan: General Requirements

(b)(5) Complete, however please note technical adequacy comments.

Table 3.7-1 (page 3.13) and page 7-19) have been revised to show an acceptable monitoring schedule.

Page 3-11 has been revised to show the correct success standards and statistical adequacy requirements.

UMC 784.21 Fish and Wildlife Plan - LK

Page 2-14 has been revised to include appropriate references for details regarding the Fish and Wildlife Control Plan.

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Technical Adequacy

UMC 817.111 - .117 Revegetation: Standards for Success - LK

The MRP states that only qualitative observations will be made with respect to the vegetation testplots to be established this fall (page 7-19, rev. 7/12/88). Quantitative data will be needed to "evaluate the efficacy of the proposed reclamation methods", as stated on page 7-17. At a minimum, this data is to be collected during years 3, 5 and 10.

UMC 817.133 Postmining Land Use - LK

Some question exists on the final disposition of fences along the haul road, whether or not they are needed to control wildlife movement in the vicinity. This question needs to be resolved with the land managing agency and clarified in the MRP. It is recommended that the fences be maintained until vegetation is established or for the 10 year liability period.

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