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PRO/007/035 #

December 22, 1987

TO: Coal File

FROM: Holland Shepherd/Reclamation Specialist *HDS*

RE: Co-op (RACO) Loadout Facility Next to C.V. Spur,
PRO/007/035, Carbon County, Utah

An inspection was made on December 17, 1987, of the RACO loadout facility located next to the Beaver Creek Coal Company's C.V. Spur processing facility, in Carbon County. According to Co-op employees, the facility is being constructed by Co-op personnel, but they were either unwilling to tell me or ignorant of, the name of the operator or owner of the facility.

Mr. Wendell Owens of Co-op stated that the mine has nothing to do with the loadout and is a separately owned entity. Mr. Owens has been seen working on the site, by Division Inspector Bill Malencik.

No processing activity of any kind is currently taking place at the site. The site is still under construction. Components of the old Dirty Devil load facility in Green River are currently being brought up to the Carbon County site. I spoke with Mr. Bill Stoddard of Co-op at the loadout site. Mr. Stoddard indicated that no processing activity was intended for the site.

My immediate concern, after inspecting this facility, was the large amount of coal material I saw on the ground. Since the site was still under construction and not yet, to my knowledge, being used as a loadout, I was concerned that this might be coal processing or development wastes. I was also told by an employee at the site that the material was being used as fill for construction. Several months ago inspector Phil Ralphs had indicated that some coal waste material had been taken from the Trail Canyon site and deposited at the loadout to be used as base for a coalpile.

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In my conversation with Mr. Stoddard, I was informed that a large quantity of coal had been stockpiled at the site for Nevada Power and Light, but had been removed several weeks ago. The stockpiled coal would account for the large amount of coal on the ground. This story was verified by an employee of the Beaver Creek plant adjacent to the Co-op loadout.

Mr. John Whitehead, of DOGM, later informed me that Co-op had earlier obtained approval from the Division to move material from the Trail Canyon Mine site to the loadout facility. The Division letter, dated August 25, 1986, states that the material will be taken to the RACO site and used as a base material for the future coalpile. Also, the letter states that the material was evaluated for any toxic- or acid-forming materials. As a result of the above information, no NOV was written.

Because of the possibility of future controversy or permitting requirements, a file has been created for this site, listed as PRO/007/035. Other earlier memos and letters related to this facility have been copied from the Co-op files and added to the new file.

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