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Ben Grimes, Senior Project Engineer
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RE: Railroad Loading Tracks #1 and #2 Retaining Walls/Southern Embankment of Sediment Pond 12B, Willow Creek Preparation Plant, ACT/007/038-96D, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Grimes:

A review by Division personnel of the second submittal as received by the Price Field Office on November 4, 1996 of the aforementioned permit amendment indicates that the responses submitted are adequate to negate the concerns previously expressed by Mr. Steven Johnson, Mr. Randy Harden and myself.

It is felt that the amendment now meets all the requirements mandated by the R645 regulations; amendment 96D is approved, effective November 6, 1996. A stamped copy is enclosed for incorporation into your MRP.

Although the amendment is now considered adequate, I want to remind you of the requirements of R645-301-514.310, R645-301-514.311, and R645-301-514.312 regarding regular inspections/reporting of impoundment structures during the construction phase. Please make sure Mr. Barton, P.E., or his designated specialist/inspector experienced in the construction of impoundments is aware of these requirements so that the design specifications for pond 12B may be met, and that a compliance issue regarding same may be avoided.

If you have any further comments please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Hess

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