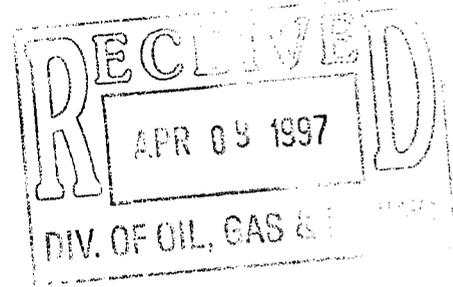




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Attn: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig

*ACT/007/004 #6
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RE: FIRST QUARTER 1997 REFUSE PILE REPORT AND BARN CANYON
DIVERSION CGD-5 SURVEY

Dear Ms. Littig,

Enclosed is a copy of the first quarter 1997 refuse pile certification and Barn Canyon diversion CGD-5 survey for the Cyprus Plateau Mining Company's Willow Creek Mine, and the AMAX Coal Company's Castle Gate Mine permits.

Respectfully,

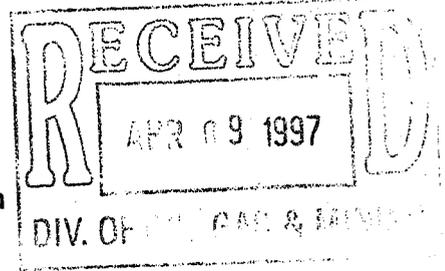
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Sr. Staff Project Engineer

Enclosures

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AMAX Coal Company

Quarterly Refuse Pile Certification
First Quarter, 1997

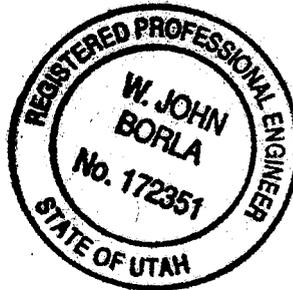


I hereby certify that I am a registered professional engineer in the State of Utah. I certify that I have made an inspection of the coal processing refuse pile at AMAX Coal Company's Castle Gate Mine, which is also the coal processing refuse pile for the Willow Creek Mine in Carbon County Utah. The refuse pile has been constructed and maintained as designed. There are no apparent areas of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions. The piezometer monitoring wells on the first and second terraces are dry.



John Borla P.E. #172351

Date: 3/19/97



CASTLE GATE
BARN CANYON DIVERSION CGD-5
MONITORING POINTS

STATION	DISTANCE FROM TOP OF PIN TO FLOW LINE					CHANGE	
	ORIG. 12/94	QUARTER 1 1995	QUARTER 2 1995	QUARTER 3 1995	QUARTER 4 1995	LAST	ACC
#1	2.68	2.69	2.70	2.69	2.66	+0.03	+0.02
#2	2.13	*1.97	2.00	1.96	1.95	+0.01	+0.18
#3	2.64	**2.40	2.40	2.40	2.36	+0.04	+0.04

STATION	DISTANCE FROM TOP OF PIN TO FLOW LINE				CHANGE	
	QUARTER 1 1996 06/28/96	QUARTER 2 1996 06/28/96	QUARTER 3 1996 09/26/96	QUARTER 4 1996 12/10/96	LAST	ACC
#1	2.66	2.64	2.55	2.55	0.00	0.13
#2	* 1.85	1.79	2.15	2.15	0.00	-0.02
#3	2.36	2.20	2.38	2.30	+0.08	+0.10

STATION	DISTANCE FROM TOP OF PIN TO FLOW LINE				CHANGE	
	QUARTER 1 1997 03/26/97	QUARTER 2 1997	QUARTER 3 1997	QUARTER 4 1997	LAST	ACC
#1	2.55				0.00	+0.13
#2	2.00				+0.15	+0.13
#3	2.35				-0.05	+0.05

NOTE:

- (1) All stations were installed on 12/13/94.
- (2) Cross-sections will be taken annually.
- (3) Measurements from top of pin to the flowline will be taken quarterly.

* Increase due to Side Sluffage.

** Reset 03/29/95 - Originally in Frozen Ground.

