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Mr. Jackson W. Moffitt
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RE: Proposed Coal Exploration Program
West Appa Coal Company
Emery County, Utah
CEP/015/002

Dear Mr. Moffitt:

The Division has reviewed West Appa Coal Co.'s proposed coal exploration plan for Emery County, Utah, which was received by this office July 8, 1982.

1. The Division has also reviewed the exploration plan, submitted by Norwest Resource Consultants for West Appa Coal, which describes the proposed high resolution seismic survey to be conducted on state and federal leases.

The plan under consideration adequately satisfied the State's concerns under requirements of Parts 776 and 815 of the regulations promulgated under the 1979 Act, "Regulation of Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations", Title 40-10-1 et seq, Utah Code Annotated, 1953.

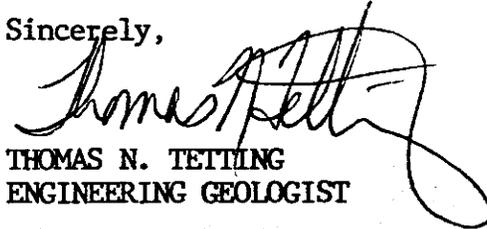
2. The Division is concerned about the use of explosives during the seismic survey and requests that assurances be received from West Appa Coal and Norwest Resource Consultants that all requirements of UMC 817.61 - 817.68 be met.

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The Division requires no additional information at the present time. Upon completion of the exploration operations the Division will require notification of completion and a description of the plugging and reclamation activities which have taken place for each site.

Thank you for your cooperation. In reply, please refer to CEP/015/002.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jerry Vaninetti, Norwest Resource Consultants
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