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December 3, 1982

Mr. Jack A. Elder, Ph.D.
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RE: December 2, 1982 Communication
Macroinvertebrate Sampling
West Appa Coal Company
Rilda Canyon Mine
CEP/015/002
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Elder:

On October 18, 1982, I received a copy of a letter which you wrote to Walt Novak of the Manti-LaSal National Forest which detailed your fall (1982) macroinvertebrate sampling methodologies. After outlining these procedures, the following was stated on page two of the aforementioned letter to the U. S. Forest Service.

"Our plans call for a second sampling at the same locations after the spring runoff recedes.

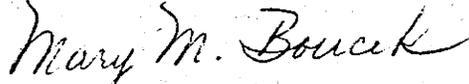
I hope the above outline is sufficient to evaluate our sampling methodology. Please call me should any questions arise. We look forward to your comments at your earliest possible convenience."
(Emphasis added.)

If I am not mistaken, this letter served to solicit comments from the party or agency to whom it was addressed. No specific request for comments regarding your macroinvertebrate sampling program has every been received by this Division.

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In the future, should you desire the Division's opinions, evaluation or comments regarding any such programs or issues, please make clear at the onset the fact that they are being solicited. A copy of a letter addressed to and requesting comments from a separate agency does not suffice.

Sincerely,



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cc: Andy King, West Appa Coal Company