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Memorandum

To: Director, Office of Surface Mining

From: Assistant Secretary--Energy and Minerals

Subject: Approval of Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Huntington Canyon #4 Mine, Federal Coal Leases SL-064903 and U-33454

By this memorandum, I am approving the mining and reclamation plan for the Huntington Canyon #4 Mine in Utah. This approval is contingent upon the applicant's acceptance, in writing, of the attached stipulations.

Approval of this plan has been recommended, with stipulations, by the Director, Office of Surface Mining (OSM); the Regional Director, Region V, Office of Surface Mining; the U.S. Forest Service; the U.S. Geological Survey; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining has recommended approval of the plan with the conditions that the Company commit to carrying-out appropriate mitigation measures as named in the State's letter. Swisher Coal Company has committed by letter to comply with the State's mitigation measures. The mitigation measures identified by the State of Utah do not include those stipulations included with this recommendation. The State has more recently (August 2, 1979) provided OSM with a recommendation to approve.

Huntington Canyon #4 Mine was not specifically addressed in the regional Development of Coal Resources in Central Utah Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Environmental Assessments with respect to the Huntington Canyon #4 Mine have been prepared by the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Geological Survey. In addition, an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared by OSM on this mining and reclamation plan. We have determined that the alternatives for agency action and the environmental impacts of the mine operation have been adequately addressed in the previously specified documents and have been thoroughly analyzed in the EA prepared by OSM.

Enclosures