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March 3, 1980

Mr. Dan Guy
Chief Engineer
Swisher Coal Company
P.O. Box AU
Price, Utah 84501

RE: Huntington Canyon #4
ACT/015/004

Dear Mr. Guy:

The Division has considered stipulation #30 set forth by the Office of Surface Mining in its January 30, 1980 approval of the mine plan for the above-cited mine.

The purpose of the Office of Surface Mining's stipulation appears to be for reducing the amount and velocity of runoff in the inside drainage ditch, thereby reducing erosion of the ditch. As the road grade is steeper than the present regulations allow, the stipulation may also be viewed as a compromise in the decision not to force reconstruction of the road.

The Division staff is of the opinion that the 100 foot spacing would probably provide a greater level of protection; however, since the road is constructed on the resistant Star Point sandstone the cost of the work would probably not justify the expense. Before Swisher is directed to change the present 200 foot spacing the staff would like to observe the performance of the structures in place.

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Experience has shown that maintenance of road drainage structures such as ditches, culvert inlet and outlet works is as important as culvert spacing in the control of surface runoff and water quality.

The Division by copying this letter to Region V of the Office of Surface Mining requests that implementation of stipulation #30 of the approved mine plan be delayed for an indefinite period until inspection proves the present 200 foot culvert spacing in the steep road section does not provide satisfactory performance.

Sincerely,


RONALD W. DANIELS
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND RECLAMATION

RWD/te

cc: Office of Surface Mining
Region V

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Operator

Mike

Could you write this? Preferably so Swisher can get it

Message

WILL CALL AGAIN

WANTS TO SEE YOU

PLEASE CALL HER

CALLED TO SEE YOU

PLEASE CALL HIM

RETURNED CALL

before 4 March or so I can take it with me on 3 March to Denver

Phone

of

Mr.

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

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Time

Date

To

SWISHER COAL CO.

P. O. BOX A U
PRICE, UTAH 84501
PHONE 801-637-5050

February 20, 1980

Mr. Ron Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Re: Huntington Canyon #4 Mine
Mining & Reclamation Plan

Dear Ron:

The approval of the Huntington Canyon #4 Mining and Reclamation Plan dated January 30, 1980, included thirty (30) special stipulations. Stipulation #30 gives Swisher Coal Co. one month to submit a plan for construction or modification of access roads, including cross-drains at intervals of 100 feet or less along the steepened portion of the road.

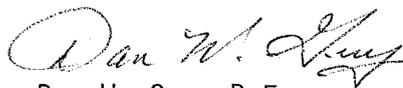
Swisher suggested some time ago that 200-foot spacings should be adequate to properly drain this section of road, and during an on-site visit Mike Thompson, of your staff, agreed we should be allowed to demonstrate their adequacy by using 200-foot spacings for a year. A subsequent discussion with Mike on February 14, 1980, confirmed his agreement with this spacing on a trial basis.

Since OSM has obviously not accepted my reasoning on these spacings, I would like to request some confirmation in writing of the State's position concerning these culverts. The 100-foot spacing required by OSM is purely arbitrary and if 200-foot spacings will provide satisfactory performance, shorter spacings will only produce further degradation with additional construction and twice as many outlets. We only ask we be allowed to demonstrate the performance of this drainage control system.

It should be noted that based upon our discussions, 12-inch culverts have been installed on this section of road at 200-foot intervals. All culverts are fitted with trash racks and conveyor belting down-spouts discharging into rip-rap structures. The discharge from this area travels only a short distance to Mill Fork Creek.

We will appreciate a timely response to this request by your office. If you have any questions, or need any further information please let me know.

Respectfully,



Dan W. Guy, P.E.
Chief Engineer

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