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In the letter, Beaver Creek was asked to prepare an SPCC plan in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. This plan was to be submitted to the Division as an addendum to their permanent mine plan. At the time of the inspection, the plan was still being worked on. The large diesel storage tank which had been in close proximity to the power lines on the middle pad had been removed and was being temporarily stored on the Forest Service road until the fuel supplier could pick it up. A berm and straw bales were placed around the fuel tanks on the upper pad but not on the middle pad. The operator was asked to address the middle pad fuel storage area. Upon returning to the Division, inspectors reviewed Huntington Canyon #4's mine plan in order to find out how Beaver Creek intended to address fuel storage. Inspectors were unable to find any mention of fuel storage in the mine plan. This should be addressed, because their fuel tanks are existing structures (reference UMC 784.12, Operation Plan: Existing Structures). This should be discussed with the operator during the next inspection.

The underground opening on Huntington #4 upper mine pad is still active and being used as a powder magazine. Upon reviewing the mine plan it was found that the underground opening is shown on the Surface Facilities Map. The opening does not extend into the mine workings; it goes back approximately 125-150 feet. However, a problem exists in that this opening is not addressed in the written text of the mine plan. Again, reference should be made to UMC 784.12. This also should be discussed with the operator at the time of the next inspection.

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Statistics:

See Co-op,Bear Creek Canyon memo dated August 17, 1981
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