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Moab District  
Price River Resource Area  
P. O. Drawer AB  
Price, Utah 84501

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DIVISION OF OIL  
GAS & MINING

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(SL-064903)  
(U-35400)  
(U-066)

*Act 1015/004  
#2*

OCT 2 1984

Mr. Michael R. Watson  
Engineering Supervisor  
Beaver Creek Coal Company  
P. O. Box AU  
Price, UT 84501

Dear Mr. Watson:

In response to your September 10, 1984 notice of plans to initiate retreat mining in the Hiawatha coal seam of Huntington Canyon No. 4 Mine, Mr. Allen Vance of my staff made a mine inspection on September 13, 1984. He observed the extent of mining accomplished, the conditions of abandonment and the initial retreat mining activities in the Hiawatha coal seam. It is apparent that retreat mining activities in both seams (Hiawatha and Blind Canyon) for the remainder of the mine, will soon be completed.

We recommend that you submit a final abandonment proposal for the mine to this office as soon as possible for our review and approval. The abandonment proposal must include your plan to protect the unmined recoverable coal reserves as well as your method of sealing and backfilling the portal entries. Normally, a reinforced concrete wall, keyed 12 inches all around using #4 rebar on 12 inch centers in both directions, should be built at a location in each portal entry where the overburden is 3 times the height of the coal seam, or at least 50 feet in by the portal. Noncombustible earthen material would be placed to solidly backfill each entry out to where a space remains equal to the thickness of the coal. Rock would be placed in this space to complete the backfill and create a resistant cover at the surface (see enclosure).

*orig Mine File  
cc J. Smith*

Upon completion of final abandonment procedures the BLM will inform the Forest Service, OSM and DOGM of the accomplishment.

If you have any questions, please contact Allen Vance at 637-4584.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Leon E. Berggren

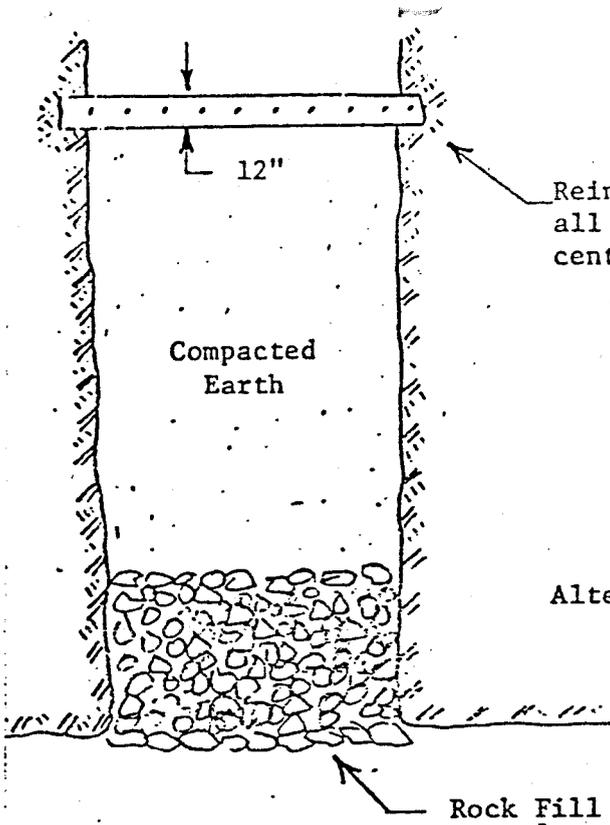
Leon E. Berggren  
Area Manager

Enclosure:  
Permanent Closure of Drift Opening

cc: Moab (U-065)  
USO (U-921)  
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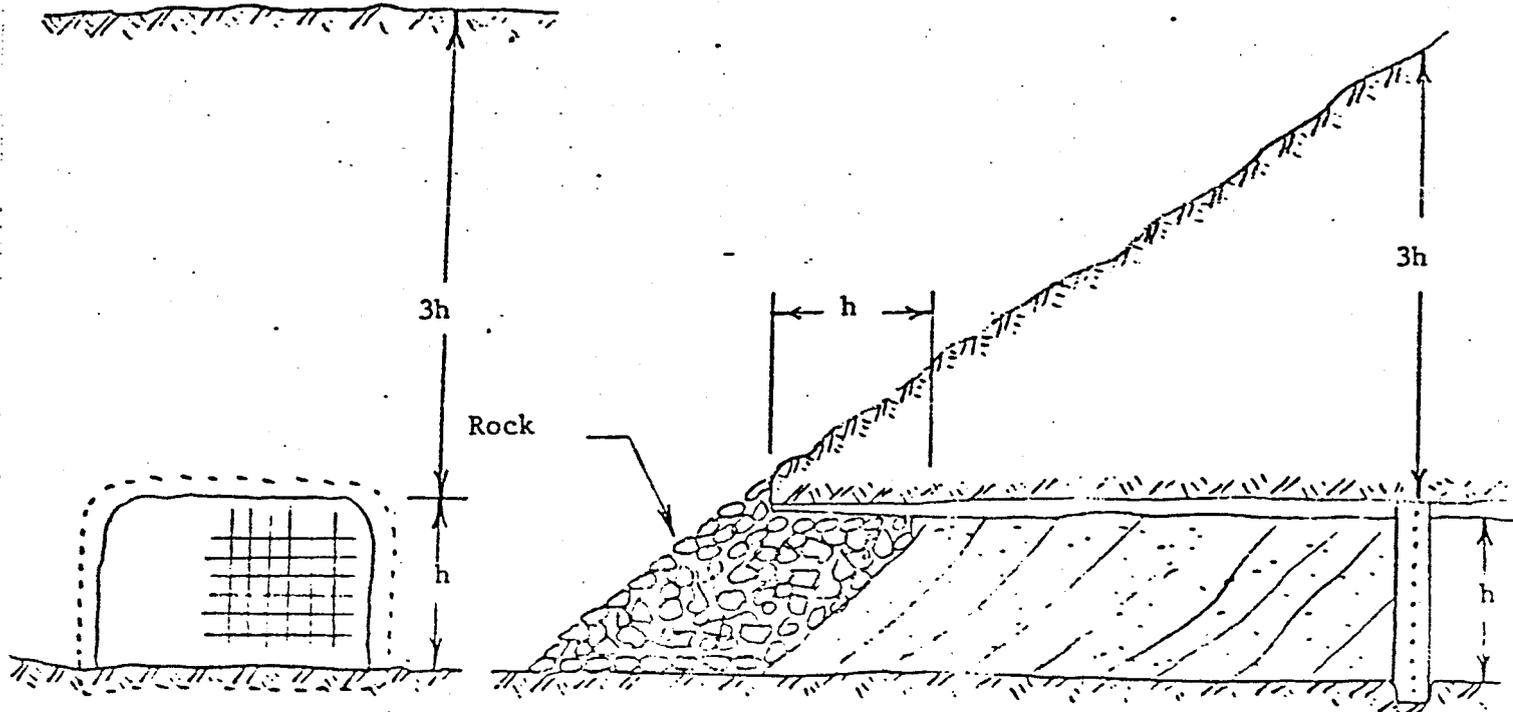
PERMANENT CLOSURE OF  
DRIFT OPENING



Reinforced concrete wall keyed 12"  
all around, and #4 rebar on 12"  
centers in both directions

Alternate method: To fill the entrance  
with rock filled gabions  
from the concrete wall out.

Top View



Front View

Side View

Not to scale