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Re: Findings for Phase II Bond Release, Huntington #4 Mine, Mountain Coal Company, ACT/015/004-93B, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

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Dear Mr. Ehmett:

Following are the findings and chronology for the Phase II bond release for the Huntington #4 Mine:

Dec. 13, 1994: Application for Phase II bond release submitted to the Division including a sed-cad analysis and vegetative information.

Newspaper Advertisement for Phase II bond release published in the Sun Advocate on September 21, 28 October 5, and 12, 1993. No comments received.

March 4, 1994: Copies of March 1, 1994 notification letters to appropriate parties about Phase II bond release application is submitted to Division.

April 22, 1994: Letter from the Division is sent to landowner (Forest Service), OSM-AFO, and Darrell Leamaster, Castle Valley Special Service District, and Emery County Commission, inviting their participation in the Phase II Bond Release inspection scheduled for May 18, 1994. Darrell Leamaster declines invitation to participate in the Phase II bond release inspection because he states he has "no problem" with the reclaimed site.



- May 3, 1994: Division transmitted copies of the application for the Phase II bond release to OSM-AFO.
- May 5, 1994: Division transmitted copies of vegetative information to OSM-AFO.
- May 18, 1994: Phase II bond release inspection with the following attendees:
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| DOGM:              | Susan White, Tom Munson, Henry Sauer, Pamela Grubaugh-Littig             |
| OSM-AFO:           | Edzel Pugh and Russ Porter   |
| OSM-WSC:           | Daylan Figgs and Phil Reinholtz  |
| Manti La Sal FS:   | Carter Reed, Dennis Kelly, and Bob Thompson                              |
| Mountain Coal Co.: | Dan Guy and Dana Ballard (Blackhawk Engineering), Carol Bjork (EarthFax) |
- July 6, 1994: Letter to Thomas Ehmett from Lowell Braxton stating that, "no TDNs were issued as a function of the Phase II bond release inspection and the Division has received no correspondence from OSM suggesting a lack of concurrence with the Phase II bond release, and therefore, requesting a written confirmation supportive of the Phase II bond release application."
- July 7, 1994: Recommendations from technical staff in regard to aspects for Phase II bond release recommend approval of Phase II bond release at Huntington #4 Mine.
- July 18, 1994: TDN X94-020-179-003 was received at the Division for "failure to eliminate all highwall at the Huntington #4 Mine", as a result of the May 18, 1994 Phase II Bond Release inspection.
- July 28, 1994: Division submitted response to TDN X94-020-179-003.
- August 22, 1994: Letter from Lowell Braxton to Thomas Ehmett requests comments on any other outstanding issues at the Huntington #4 Mine.

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Sept. 21, 1994: OSM finds the July 28, 1994 Division TDN response appropriate.

Since the Division has appropriately responded to the only adverse comments resulting from the bond release inspection (OSM's), it is requested that OSM concur with the Phase II bond release at Huntington #4 Mine. If you have any questions, please call me or Pamela Grubaugh-Littig.

Sincerely,



Lowell P. Braxton  
Associate Director, Mining

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Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
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