

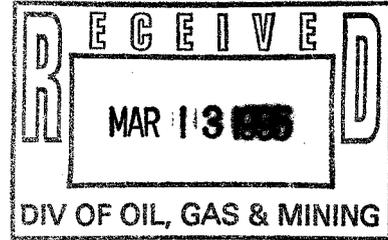
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March 9, 1995



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*ACT/015/004 #3
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Dear Mr. Braxton:

This letter serves as the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSM) concurrence on the Phase II bond release at Mountain Coal Company's Huntington #4 mine, Permit #ACT/015/004. OSM agrees with the proposed reduction of the reclamation bond amount from \$144,041 to \$46,734 as indicated in the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's proposed decision document dated December 15, 1994. The remaining bond of \$46,734 is for the reclamation of the sediment pond and the reestablishing of vegetation on the entire area if necessary by a third party. OSM has received a concurrence letter from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (copy enclosed).

(Division will consent when sed pond removed.)

Thank you and your staff for your efforts in coordinating this bond release through our office.

Sincerely,

For Thomas E. Ehmett, Acting Director
Albuquerque Field Office

Enclosure

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RE: Decision Document, Phase II Bond Release, Huntington #4 Mine, Mountain Coal
Company, ACT/015/004-93D, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ehmett:

We have reviewed the Decision Document and consent to the phase II bond
release.

Our only concern is that the remaining bond be sufficient to cover reclamation
of the sediment pond which lies on National Forest System lands. It is not
clear whether or not reclamation of the pond was considered in calculation of
the bond amount discussed in the last paragraph of page 5. We are in agreement
with the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining that the pond is no longer needed
and should be reclaimed.

If you have any questions, please contact Carter Reed at the Forest Supervisor's
Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,

/s/Brent Barney

for *BBB*
AARON L. HOWE
Acting Forest Supervisor

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