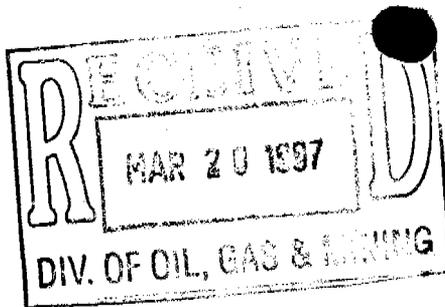


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March 17, 1997

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**Attn: Susan White**  
**Sharon Falvey**

*Copy for Susan*

Re: *Joe*  
 Phase III Bond Release  
 Huntington Canyon No. 4 Mine  
 INA / 015 / 004-96A; Folder #2  
 Emery County, Utah

Dear Ms. Littig:

In reference to your letter of October 16, 1996, Mountain Coal Company is herein providing 3 copies of additional information on the hydrology and revegetation for the Huntington Canyon No. 4 Mine. The following is a brief description of the information being submitted along with the regulatory reference:

R 645-301-750 - Water monitoring results have been summarized for all stations monitored since reclamation in the fall of 1985. Also included is information on the Little Bear Spring from 1982 through 1996, provided by the Castle Valley Special Services District. Certain monitoring stations (4-1-W, 4-2-W, 4-4-W, 4-5-W) were eliminated prior to - or shortly after - reclamation. All available data for these stations has been provided; however, only 4-1-W (Little Bear Spring), 4-3-W, 4-6-W, 4-7-W, and 4-8-W have been continually monitored over the past 11 years.

Based on available data, there is no evidence of subsurface impacts to the area, nor is there any indication of a probability of future impacts. Mining ceased on this site nearly 13 years ago, and the area has been reclaimed over 11 years. Any impacts to the hydrologic regime would certainly be expected to have become evident by this time.

R645-301-356 - Information has been provided to verify the minimum sample size has been met according to the Division's Vegetation Information Guidelines.

*Susan : Sharon*  
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## INSPECTION REPORT

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/015/004

DATE OF INSPECTION: 8/27/97

### 21. BONDING & INSURANCE

Liability insurance is held by Indemnity Insurance Company of North America. The amount of \$500,000 is in compliance with the regulations and is effective 1/1/96 to 1/1/99. The bond is in the amount of \$46,734 and is held by United Pacific Insurance. This bond rider reduction was effective 1/31/96.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: OSM, Paige Beville(MCC), Dan Guy (Black Hawk)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Susan M. White #35 Date: 9/2/97