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*Start a new file:
Hidden Valley Mine*

Dear Tom:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 6, 1978, which sets forth the outline of plans for a new underground mine in Township 23 South, Range 6 East, Sections 17 and 18, Emery County, Utah.

Enclosed you will find a book which sets forth the State's existing rules and regulations on coal mining and reclamation. These regulations were adopted following a notice and subsequent hearing before the Division on May 25, 1978. The rules and regulations are parallel to those regulations by the Office of Surface Mining for the initial regulatory program. The sections which specifically set forth underground mining standards are MC-717.11 thru MC-717.20. These sections may be found on pages 69 thru 87. These regulations will remain in effect until a permanent regulatory program is established for the State of Utah. For your information, the State Regulatory Program will be comparable to the program set forth in the Office of Surface Mining's regulations as published in the Federal Register dated September 18, 1978.

In submitting the Notice of Intent to Commence Mining Operations and the Reclamation Plan, Soldier Creek Coal would best fulfill their obligation with the law by addressing either the underground mining standards as set forth in the enclosed book or addressing those sections of the September 18, 1978 draft permanent program of the Office of Surface Mining. The use of division forms MR 1 and MR 2 at this point will not supply adequate information.

I realize that your work is mainly on the Hidden Valley Mine. However, please find enclosed a letter written to Mr. Pollastro on May 27, 1978 to which a reply was never received by the Division. Therefore, a state

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permit for this mine is not in effect. Would you please remind
Mr. Pollastro of this letter.

Sincerely,



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and Enforcement Provisions
for Coal - Adopted 5-25-78
Letter dated May 27, 1978