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Mr. J. T. Paluso
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Price, Utah 84501

Re: Sediment Ponds for the Hidden Valley Coal Mine in Emery County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Paluso:

This office has completed a review of the documents submitted to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining concerning the above mentioned ponds. It is my opinion that the proposed structures do not pose a threat to life or property, and therefore, additional plans and specifications are not required.

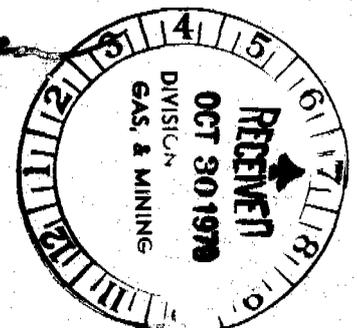
I would request that when the final design is prepared that this office be notified of:

1. General location of the structures with reference to section, township and range.
2. Approximate capacity of the reservoirs.
3. The height of the dams.

This information will satisfy the requirements of Section 73-5-12 of the Utah Code Annotated 1953. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Bob Morgan of my staff.

Sincerely,

Dee C. Hansen, P.E.
State Engineer



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cc: Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
Price Area Office