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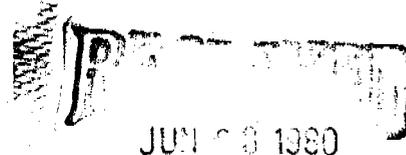


Soldier Creek Coal Company
HIDDEN VALLEY MINE

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June 19, 1980



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OF
MINING

Re: B-Seam Bench Cut
Soldier Creek Coal Company
Hidden Valley Mine
ACT/015/022

Dear Mr. Suchoski:

As per your telephone conversation with Dave Spillman on June 6, 1980, a description of the techniques to be used for reclamation of the portal area highwalls is as follows:

Please refer to figure 12, page 27, of the "Runoff Control Plan, Sedimentation Pond Design," submitted on May 5, 1980, for an illustration of the area in question.

Highwalls within the portal area are the necessary result of portal and bench cut development. The existing highwalls were constructed during the summer of 1977. Final reclamation of these disturbed areas will require permanent portal seals, backfilling, grading, and stabilization.

The cut and fill terrace method of backfilling described in 30 CFR 817.102 is believed to be the most compatible with the desired reclamation of the portal area. There is sufficient material in this area to facilitate such reclamation. It is speculated that the material to be used for highwall reclamation will come

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from the immediate vicinity. The initial source of material would be centered around the removal of the 48 inch culvert, which bisects the portal area. As additional material is removed and pushed towards the highwall area, a dished out effect will result.

All backfilling and grading will be in accordance with 30 CFR 817.101 and 817.102. All stabilization will follow an approved revegetation plan.

I would like to remind you that the bench cut proposed above the B-Seam portals will not initially be used as a runoff diversion. Runoff from this area will be contained in the sedimentation pond. If the bench cut is going to be used as a diversion, the necessary diversion requirements will be submitted to the Division for approval at a later date.

Questions regarding the A-Seam diversion have been asked by the Division in a letter dated June 2, 1980. In response to these questions, a longitudinal profile of the drainage ditch is attached. Conveyance of runoff water from the diversion to Ivie Creek is by culvert as shown on page 27 of the "Runoff Control Plan, Sedimentation Pond Design." A typical portal reclamation profile is also enclosed.

Approval as quickly as possible of the B-Seam bench cut would be appreciated.

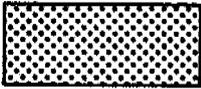
Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY
Hidden Valley Mine

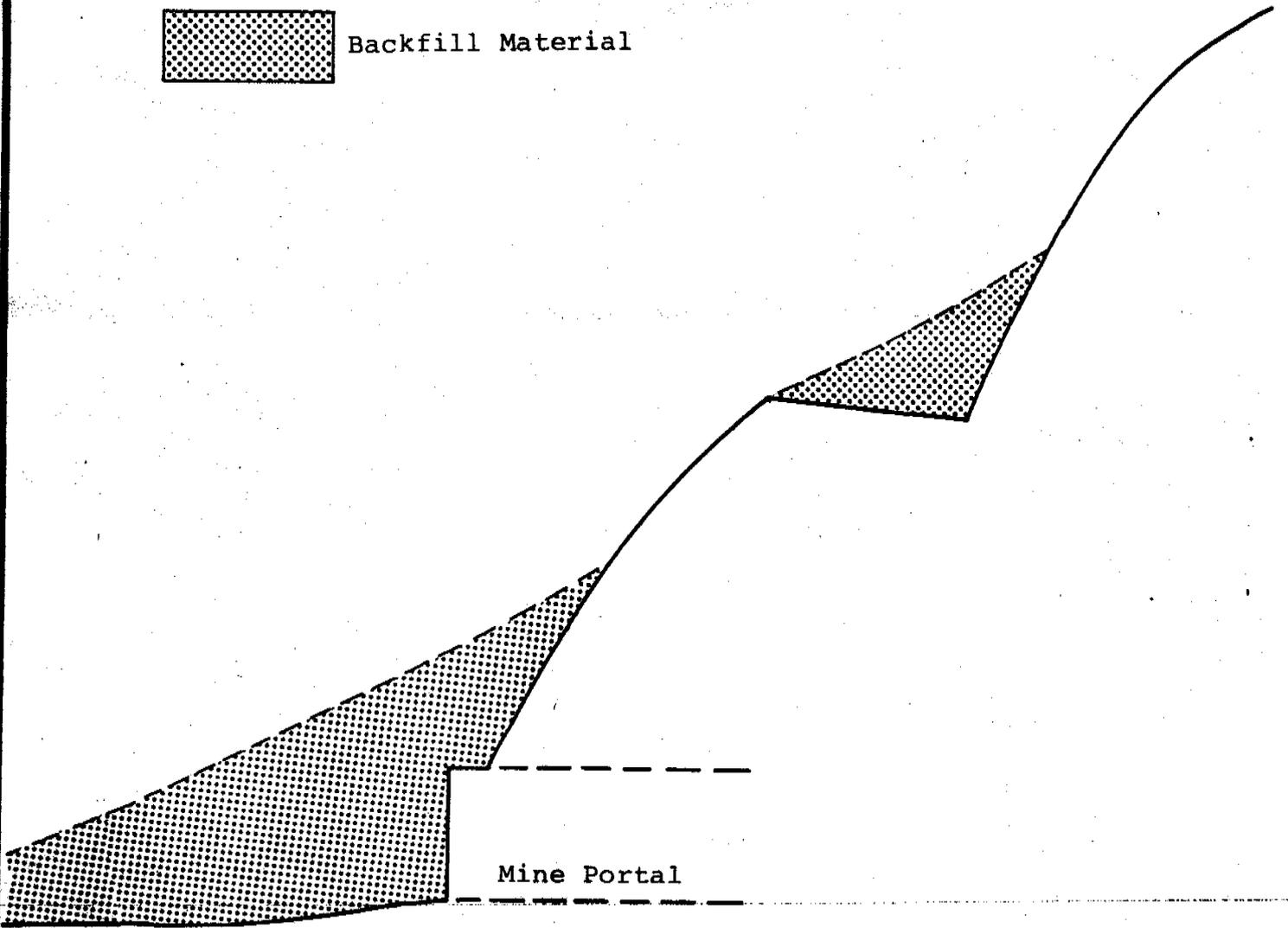


J. T. Paluso
Project Engineer

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Enclosures



Backfill Material



Mine Portal

Note: Cut-and-fill terraces may be utilized to ensure stability and control erosion. This is in accordance to 30 CFR 817.102.

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SCALE: 1" = 10'

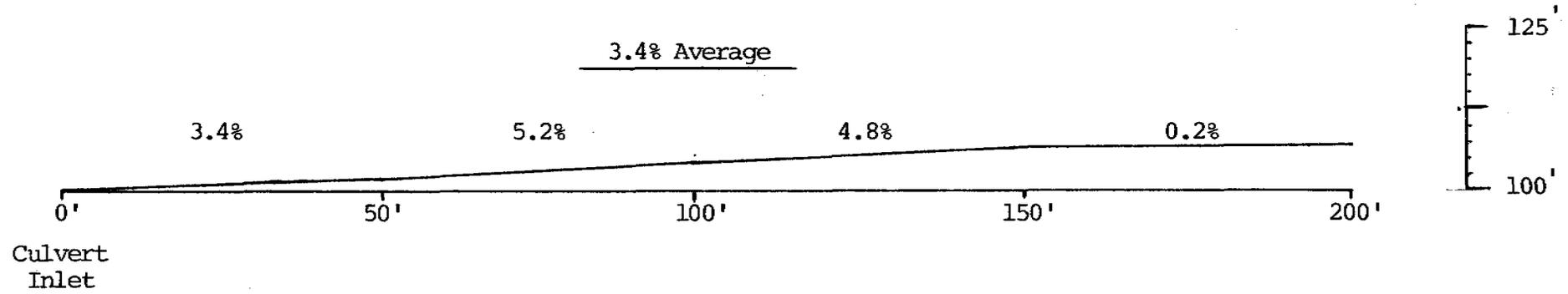
TITLE: Typical Portal Reclamation Profile

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Existing A-Seam Bench-Cut Profile
Proposed Runoff Diversion



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Proposed Runoff Diversion

