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Mr. Tom J. Paluso
Project Engineer
Soldier Creek Coal Company
P.O. Box AS
Price, Utah 84501

RE: Conditional Tentative Approval
Hidden Valley Mine
Emery County, Utah
ACT/015/022

Dear Mr. Paluso:

The Division staff has reviewed the Mining and Reclamation Plan and amendments submitted for the proposed Hidden Valley Mine. The Division hereby issues tentative approval for the proposed mine under the interim regulatory program with the following stipulations:

1. The Mining Plan and Subsidence Control and Monitoring Plans are not approved at this time. Prior to initiating underground development these plans shall be finalized by Soldier Creek Coal Company and shall be submitted for approval by the Division. Enclosed is a memo describing deficiencies and items in need of clarification in the submitted plans.
2. Detailed engineering construction plans for the sedimentation ponds shall be finalized by Soldier Creek Coal Company and shall be submitted for approval by the Division prior to initiating any surface development, excepting the access road.
3. The Refuse Disposal Plan is not approved at this time. Prior to initiating any underground development or development of surface facilities specific for the proposed refuse disposal area, the plans shall be finalized by Soldier Creek Coal Company and shall be submitted for approval by the Division.

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4. All topsoil and unconsolidated surficial material from disturbed areas shall be removed, segregated, stockpiled and revegetated, to the extent possible using conventional equipment. This stipulation is adverse to the mine plan amendment of December 21, 1979. If you feel this stipulation is untenable, and you wish to maintain the position as stated in item "7.F." of the December 21, 1979 amendment, supportive material must be submitted. Consult the enclosed memo for supportive information required.

This letter constitutes tentative approval for the proposed Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Hidden Valley Mine under the interim regulatory program. The Division will publish an abbreviated version of the mining and reclamation plan one time only in local and Salt Lake City newspapers to solicit public comments. Final approval under the interim regulatory program may be issued when the required thirty day comment period is completed if no adverse public comments are received and surety arrangements are finalized.

Construction of the access road may not begin until the Division issues final approval.

If you have any questions please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



RONALD W. DANIELS
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND DEVELOPMENT

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cc: John Hardaway, O.S.M., Enclosure
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Enclosure: Memo

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