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February 9, 1983

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Soldier Creek Coal Company  
Hidden Valley Mine  
INA/015/007  
Emery County, Utah

On February 1, 1983 John Whitehead performed a partial inspection of the Hidden Valley Mine unaccompanied by any personnel from the Soldier Creek Coal Company.

Some erosion was beginning to develop at the inlet to the sediment pond, the eroded inlet was approximately 1 to 1 1/2 feet deep at this point. Riprap may be necessary in the future.

The topsoil pile was still adequately soft to allow seeding and raking in of the seed to maximize revegetation success for this coming spring. Additionally, it was noticed that cows were grazing in this area which may cause a problem to vegetation success unless the topsoil pile is fenced off.

During this inspection the light was at an angle which allowed the inside of the southern-most entry on the east side of the minesite to be viewed. It appeared that the original portal opening had been sealed by a fence which if maintained would provide adequate safety precautions when the appropriate warning signs are posted.

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cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM  
Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Statistics:

See Soldier Canyon Mine memo, dated February 9, 1983.