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Mr. Tom Paluso  
Soldier Creek Coal Company  
P. O. Box I  
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RE: Topsoil Pile  
Soldier Creek Coal Company  
Hidden Valley Mine  
INA/015/007  
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Paluso:

This letter will serve to document my phone conversation with Scott Nordness on January 12, 1983 and to document a verbal approval given on reshaping the Hidden Valley topsoil pile.

Pursuant to UMC 817.23(b)(2), the permission verbally granted on January 6, 1983 to reshape the topsoil pile at the Hidden Valley Minesite is documented. The purpose of the reshaping was to address the erosion which was occurring on the side slopes of the stockpile.

On January 12, 1983, I informed Scott Nordness that after reshaping, the topsoil stockpile would need to be seeded as soon as possible to assure the topsoil is protected pursuant to UMC 817.23(b)(1). During my inspection of January 11, 1983, it was noted that the topsoil pile was soft enough to allow hand broadcast seeding and then raking to cover seed. Seeding now would greatly enhance the chances of success and may prevent the need for a second seeding at a later date.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. WHITEHEAD  
FIELD SPECIALIST

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cc: Everett Hooper, DOGM