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September 16, 1985

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
(P402 457 232)

Mr. John Rains  
California Portland Cement Company  
P. O. Box 947  
Colton, California 92324

Dear Mr. Rains:

RE: Hidden Valley Mine, INA/015/022, Emery County, Utah

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of September 11, 1985, enclosed find copies of correspondence between the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and Soldier Creek Coal Company dated May 24, 1985 wherein Soldier Creek Coal Company was asked to commit to reclamation of the Hidden Valley Mine or permitting the same under the permanent coal regulatory program constraints.

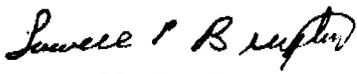
You indicated in our conversation the Hidden Valley Mine was not sold to Sun Oil Company and California Portland Cement Company is the responsible party for operations or reclamation of this property. I have been informed by J. T. Paluso, Soldier Creek Coal Company, that Soldier Creek has transmitted or can transmit files relative to the reclamation aspects of this property to California Portland Cement Company. The Division's position has not changed subsequent to the May 24, 1985 letter with the exception that the date by which the "reclaim or permit" decision from Soldier Creek Coal Company to the Division was extended from June 24, 1985 to September 15, 1985 to accommodate the Soldier Creek purchase by Sun (which presumably was to include the Hidden Valley Mine).

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I am now asking California Portland Cement Company to respond to the alternatives enumerated in the attached May 24, 1985 letter within 15 working days of acknowledged receipt of this letter. In this response, would you please affirm that California Portland Cement Company is still the responsible party for the Mined Land Reclamation Contract dated April 4, 1980 between Soldier Creek Coal Company (a division of California Portland Cement Company) and DOGM, wherein monetary responsibility for the Hidden Valley Mine property reclamation program was enumerated.

Please advise if you have questions on the matter in the interim period.

Sincerely,



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Administrator  
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