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TO: Coal File

FROM: *jm* John J. Whitehead, Permit Supervisor/Reclamation  
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RE: Surface Mining Reclamation Plan, California Portland  
Cement Company, Hidden Valley Mine, INA/015/007, Emery  
County, Utah

The memo is to document a meeting and conversation between John Whitehead and Lowell Braxton on January 14, 1986 wherein the reclamation of the Hidden Valley Mine was discussed. The issue at hand was whether the Hidden Valley Mine should be required to reclaim according to the interim regulations or whether the company should be required to reclaim to permanent standards in the regulations currently existing.

The review of the approved reclamation plan (submitted and approved under the interim regulations) by the staff reveals that there are very few specifics and details in regards to reclamation contained in the document. This would preclude reclamation occurring without an inordinant number of enforcement actions and other problems. In addition, on page 5-1 of the approved plan, the company has committed that all reclamation will conform in so far as possible with federal and state rules and regulations in effect at that time. Therefore, it was concluded that the Hidden Valley Mine should be required to reclaim according to permanent program regulations.

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