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Dr. Dianne R. Nielson, Director
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Re: Hidden Valley, T87-02-006-013

Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Albuquerque Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), has reviewed the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGM) response to Ten-Day Notice 87-02-006-013. Following is our determination:

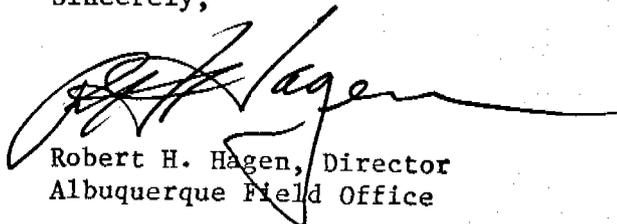
The Division's response to violation 1 of 3 is appropriate. Because the operator has repaired the stream channel and a DOGM inspector has field-verified the work's adequacy, a violation no longer exists.

The Division's response to violation 2 of 3 will be considered appropriate. However, the fact remains that DOGM did not clearly address the stream buffer zone requirements at the time of permit review. This will be considered a programmatic problem for review.

The Division's response to violation 3 of 3 is appropriate. Because the operator has repaired and protected the haul road water bars and a DOGM inspector has verified the field work's adequacy, the violation no longer exists.

In summary, DOGM's response to violations 1, 2, and 3 is appropriate. Please address any questions concerning this determination to Steve Rathbun, Supervisory Reclamation Specialist, at (505) 766-1486.

Sincerely,


Robert H. Hagen, Director
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