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Tim Kirschbaum, Environmental Engineer  
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Re: Bond Increase for Permit Renewal, Consolidation Coal Company, Hidden Valley Mine, ACT/015/007, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Kirschbaum:

This letter is a follow up on the phone conversation we had earlier today. As we discussed, the Hidden Valley permit is up for renewal on the 29th of January. Part of the review for the renewal involved an examination of the reclamation bond held for the site. The current bond amount is \$90,758 adjusted to 1999 dollars. In order to renew the permit for an additional 5 years it is necessary to escalate the bond to 2001 dollars. Using an escalation factor of 2.58%, this would require a bond in the amount of \$95,501 to be posted.

Please provide a bond in the amount of at least \$95,501 on or before January 29, 1997 so that we may proceed with the renewal of the Hidden Valley Permit.

On a separate but related matter, the Division has also reviewed the renewal application that was submitted on September 19, 1996. Part of this application requested that dissolved oxygen be removed from the water monitoring requirements. This request is hereby approved. However, Consol will need to revise the appropriate pages of the Hidden Valley plan to reflect the change. This also should be submitted before the renewal deadline of January 29, 1997.

The revised maps that were submitted with the renewal application have also been reviewed and are hereby approved. A copy of the maps has been stamped and is being returned for your approved copy of the plan.

Thank you for your help throughout the renewal process. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Mary Ann Wright  
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