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Mr. Tom Rice
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RE: State Inspection
Trail Mountain Mine
ACT/015/009

Dear Mr. Rice:

This letter concerns the State inspections performed by Joe Helfrich and myself on the afternoons of February 5 and 6, 1980.

The Division appreciates your prompt action concerning the snowmelt runoff that was leaving the disturbed area on February 5, 1980. Because of your obvious concern and prompt action in the matter a notice of violation of Rule MC 717.17 was not issued. In addition, the runoff on the road from the Trail Mountain Mine was minor relative to the total runoff. As you know, particular attention must be paid to runoff control from now until snowmelt ceases.

Three other problems were observed. The more important of which is the obvious presence of oil or other hydrocarbons in runoff on the permit area. Most of the problem appears to originate from the two storage tanks and the two 5 gallon buckets of motor oil left in the open. Again we appreciate your prompt action in removing the two buckets.

It is obvious that oil control measures are needed at the mine. The best control in this matter is care in handling the material. A violation was not issued as no evidence could be found that proves oil is leaving the permit area in excess of applicable laws and regulations.

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The second matter of concern is erosion on the vertical slopes adjacent to the coal stockpile. Runoff control is needed in these areas.

The third matter of concern is the pump and overflow for the water storage tank above the bath house. The overflow pipe must be extended to the creek to prevent erosion of the bank after the present ice that is protecting the soil melts. The Division is presently checking with the State Engineer as to whether the water is appropriated.

If you have any questions in this matter please call.

Sincerely,



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