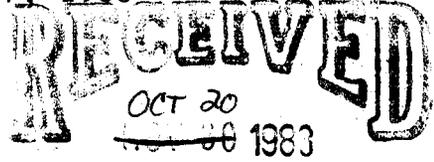


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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

RE: NOV 83-1-3-1

Dear Ron:

There appears to be some misunderstanding relative to the issuance of NOV 83-1-3-1 Trail Canyon Mine ACT/015/021.

The "slide" in question is not in fact a "slide" in the classical sense. In this, I mean it is the natural phenomenon of the gravitational movement of unconsolidated material down a high wall which is the end result of a rock quarry, abandoned a number of years ago by the previous management of the Co-Op Mine.

Past inspectors have seen this disturbance, and it was discussed at length in July by both, the inspection staff, as well as members of the technical review staff; Joe Helfrich, John Whitehead, Lynn Kunzler, and Dave Darby.

As I remember, the discussion, it was not directed at the slide itself, but rather, the disposition of an old scrapped coal-hauling trailer which was and is being utilized as a make-shift retaining wall. The trailer was a concern of mine. I took the DOGM Staff up to the

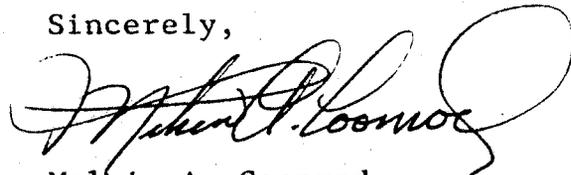
site to get their input on removing the trailer, and their suggestions on stabilizing the situation with a more aesthetically pleasing structure. The concensus of this discussion was to attempt to build a rock berm utilizing native in-place material in lieu of the old trailer, then to push or pull the balance of the loose material from the slope.

I felt that it was understood that this was not a compliance directive, but, rather, an "enhancement project". I indicated that when time permitted, I would write up a plan to this effect and submit it to the Division for their review and recommendations.

In view that this is a pre-law disturbance, and that the previous inspectors as well as the technical staff were informed as to the situation, I am requesting that this violation be vacated prior to even an assessment conference, with the understanding that an enhancement plan will be submitted prior to the end of the year with implementation as soon as weather permits.

I would appreciate your concurrence in this, and thus, saving all of us considerable time.

Sincerely,



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cc: Joe Helfrich
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