

.0007



**Diamond Shamrock**  
Coal Company

November 19, 1984

Diane Nielson  
State of Utah  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
355 West North Temple / Suite 350  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Diane:

On Tuesday, November 13th I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Rick Smith of the Divisions Technical Staff. Our meeting was predicated by a phone conversation between Mr. Smith and myself concerning the Divisions apparent need to require all coal operators mining in the Blackhawk formation to monitor water levels in properly constructed observation wells that tap water-bearing zones near existing mines and in areas proposed for mining. I understand that these wells are necessary to assess hydrologic impacts in our area.

In talking with Mr. Smith, it was pointed out that the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining requires of Trail Mountain Coal Co. a written commitment to establish a Star Point-Blackhawk aquifer well monitoring program and include this program in our mining and reclamation plan.

At this time I would request of the Division an official statement as to their stand on this well monitoring program. If this is a program that the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does intend to impose upon the coal operators, I would also request of the Division as official statement requesting Trail Mountain Coal Co. to commit to the Star Point-Blackhawk aquifer well monitoring program.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 748-2140. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Allen P Childs  
Engineer

APC/bka

cc: Jim Galimore - Lexington  
Joe Fielder - TMCC

FILE ACT/015/009, Mary B. #2

**RECEIVED**

NOV 21 1984

DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

copy to:  
Rick  
Mary  
Rene  
OSM -  
Lois Hamm