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## Memorandum

To: Utah Senior Project Manager, OSM, Denver

Attn: Louis Hamm

From: Chief, Branch of Mining Law and Solid Minerals, BLM-SO,  
Salt Lake City

Subject: Diamond Shamrock Coal Unit, Trail Mountain Mine  
Permit Application Package (PAP)

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The Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) or underground mining part of the subject PAP has been considered adequate for BLM administration of the associated Federal coal leases. Our memorandum dated April 18, 1984, stated that the R2P2 on file in this office is compatible with 43 CFR 3482.1(c) rules and regulations, and that the proposed coal recovery procedures will safely obtain maximum recovery of the coal resource within the plan area using the equipment and technology proposed.

On May 11, 1984, we received the maps and pages transmitted with your letter dated May 8, 1984, and identified as "04/27/84 receipt of revisions for mining and reclamation plan, no cover letter." The memorandum indicated the permit application is in the final stages of preparation for a decision. It also requested our final concurrence letter with any conditions necessary for final action on the mining plan. We have reviewed the maps and pages received on May 11, 1984. One concern, that was possibly overlooked before, was found on the replacement page 6 for Volume I. Under the title of "Coal Waste Piles" it indicated that coal waste piles near the tipple would be deposited in the underground mine. Before this can be done it would be necessary to have concurrence from the Mine Health and Safety Administration (MSHA). If the waste coal is to be placed underground on Federal leased land it will be necessary to also involve BLM as required by 43 CFR 3482.1(c)(3)(iv). The situation will have to be field inspected by BLM and mine management. The company will then submit a plan, agreed to by MSHA, for approval by BLM. Appropriate narrative by the company or a proper stipulation should take care of this concern.

Within the limits of our authority and after the above concern is properly disposed of, we concur with the Trail Mountain Mine R2P2 plan on file in

this office as amended and recommend it be included as an integral part of the subject PAP.

cc: \*Diamond Shamrock Coal Unit  
~DOGM  
DM, Mcab