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Mr. Bob Carson
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Dear Mr. ~~Carson~~ Bob:

RE: Disposition of Rilda Canyon Mine Permit Application Package, West Appa Coal Company, Rilda Canyon Mine, PRO/015/010, #2, Emery County, Utah

As you are aware, the Division has had a contract with NPI for the review of the Rilda Canyon Mine Permit Application Package (PAP). The review of the application was suspended in April 1984 pending the applicant's completion of the PAP in order tht the technical analysis could be conducted. Since that time, no additional information has been received from West Appa and the Division's contract with NPI has expired (as of August 1984).

The Division must now seek a decision from West Appa Coal Company regarding its intent for the continuation of permitting for this proposed operation. Therefore, certain questions must be answered by your Company in the following areas:

1. West Appa must state if it wants to continue permitting at this time in order that the Division can renew its contract with NPI. If a commitment to continue permitting at this time is not made, the Division will refund to West Appa the remainder of unspent contract monies and handle the review at some point in the future in-house, predicated upon West Appa's elected options as outlined.

2. If West Appa elects not to continue permitting at this time, the Rilda Canyon PAP will be placed on the in-house permit review list and the review will resume as Division scheduling allows. West Appa will be notified at the time the review recommences and will be expected to respond promptly to permit review requirements and requests for information. If West Appa does not respond in a timely manner, the review will be terminated, upon notice and pending response from West Appa.

3. If West Appa wishes to terminate the permitting process at any time, it may do so by informing the Division in writing.

A decision regarding the disposition of the Rilda Canyon PAP will be expected by April 1, 1985. Should you wish to meet with the Division with reference to the above, or should you have any questions, please contact the Division at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

Dianne

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