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DIVISION OF
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Dear Mr. Hedberg:

We received on January 16, 1987, a Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) amendment for the Trail Mountain Mine (ACT/015/009) by letter from you dated January 15, 1987. The amendment calls for an incidental boundary change, second request, for 1.7 acres in SE1/4NW1/4 section 25, T. 17 S., R. 6 E., SLB&M. The 1.7 acres will allow the two return entries of the five entry 1st West Mains to be driven west 400 feet in order to access a proposed south panel that is on Federal coal lease U-082996 which is part of the approved Trail Mountain permit area. Trail Mountain Coal Co. can then mine this south panel, which will meet current contract quotas and quality, and have enough time mining in this panel (2 to 3 months) to have their Tract II permit approved. This will avoid any idle time awaiting permit approval for full scale mining on Tract II.

The proposed mining on the incidental boundary will follow the resource recovery and protection plan (R2P2) required for the Tract II MRP which we approved for permit issuance by memo dated May 19, 1986.

We, therefore, recommend issuance of the incidental boundary change. We have determined that this change will provide for the protection and conservation of the federal coal resource and will achieve maximum economic recovery as required by 43 CFR 3480.

Sincerely yours,

District Manager

cc: Trail Mountain Coal Co.
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