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TO: John Whitehead, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Brent Stettler, Reclamation Biologist Brent

RE: Midterm Response to Soil Comments, Beaver Creek Coal Company, Trail Mountain Mine, ACT/015/009, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

In the February 24, 1988 memo to John Whitehead, Dan Duce recommended the following as part of the midterm review:

1. Revision of the regraded soils samplng program.
2. Compilation of soil/spoil analyses in tabular form.
3. Mapping of all soil sample locations on Map A, Appendix 9-1.
4. Deletion of all impertinent material.

In response, the operator submitted the following:

1. Appendix 8-3, Attachment C.
2. Revised Table 6, Appendix 9-1.
3. Revised Map A, Appendix 9-1.

Response was adequate to all except the last recommendation. Mr. Duce identified an error in the statistical comparison of native soil and spoil salinity (PAP, Appendix 9-1, pages 17-D through 17-H). The finding of no significant difference between soil and spoil material was incorrect, according to Duce. Because of the error, he wished that all references to the comparison be removed from the PAP. The material was considered impertinent.

The operator must remove the following from the PAP:

1. Pages 17D through 17H in Appendix 9-1.
2. The last paragraph on page 20 and first paragraph on page 21 in Appendix 9-2.
3. Numbers 1 and 5 in the Discussion section under Vegetation Test Plots (Appendix 9-2, pages 22 and 23).

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