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RE: State Permit Package, Beaver Creek Coal Company, Trail Mountain #9 Mine,  
ACT/015/009, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed the State Permit Package and have the following concerns:

1. We have not received any response that the Forest Service concerns listed in our March 6, 1990, letter have been considered. Please reference this letter.
2. UMC 817.121-.126 Subsidence Control, Page 26



The second sentence in paragraph 2 states that second mining will not occur beneath areas where the Castlegate Sandstone is absent (Figure 3-6). This is an error. On National Forest System lands, the operator has committed to conducting only first mining under the escarpment beyond the 15 degree angle-of-draw projected upward from the Castlegate Sandstone outcrop. This needs to be corrected.

In addition, see comment 3 in our March 6, 1990, letter which refers to our comments on the 1989 recompiled Permit Application Package. Map 3-6 is labeled to show that limited second mining will take place beyond the 15 degree angle-of-draw from the Castlegate Sandstone outcrop for the entire permit area. This was approved for the State lands involved but not for the National Forest System lands. Only first mining beyond this line has been approved for the National Forest System lands. The map needs to be revised to show that only first mining will occur in this area. The Division committed to resolving this issue in the 5-Year permit renewal as stated in the April 12, 1989, letter from the Division to the Manti-La Sal National Forest.

The above issues must be resolved. If you have any questions, please contact the Manti-La Sal National Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George A. Morris".

for  
GEORGE A. MORRIS  
Forest Supervisor