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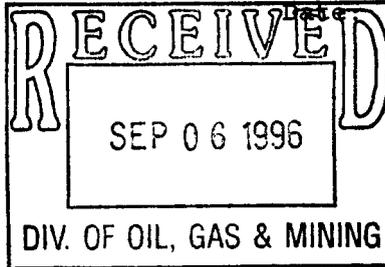
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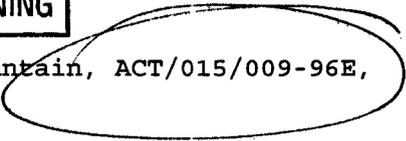
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Utah Coal Regulatory Program
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Attention: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
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September 4, 1996

RE: Parking Lot/Culvert Extension, PacifiCorp, Trail Mountain, ACT/015/009-96E,
Folder #2, Emery County, Utah



Dear Ms. Littig:

We reviewed a copy of the subject permit amendment via your letter to Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor, dated July 31, 1996.

The proposed culvert extension lies on private lands within the administrative boundary of the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Since the proposal would not disturb National Forest System lands, our concerns are limited to potential impacts to downstream National Forest System lands. Best management practices must be employed by the operator during construction to prevent the introduction of sediment or other pollutants into Cottonwood Creek. The culvert dimensions and inlet designs must meet SMCRA requirements and Utah Coal Rules. The sediment pond must be demonstrated to have adequate capacity to accomodate the additional 0.063 acres of disturbed area.

Since the project will affect 0.063 acres of riparian vegetation, we support the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources requirement to improve at least this amount of riparian habitat at some other location within the drainage to offset this impact. The Forest Service will need to work closely with UDOGM and UDWR if the riparian area improvements are located on National Forest System lands. Charlie Jankiewicz (District Ranger), or Jeff DeFreest (District Geologist) should be contacted in regard to this project.

Sincerely,

Jan L. Kaiser
For

JANETTE S. KAISER
Forest Supervisor

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