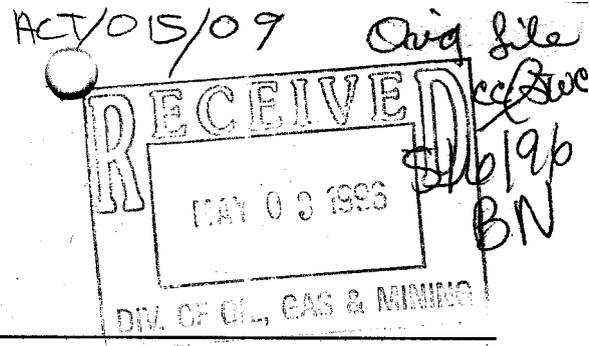


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Dear Mr. Carter:

I wish to express my personal appreciation, and that of Energy West Mining Company, for the professionalism and dedication exhibited by you and your staff in resolving the matters dealing with the Trail Mountain Mine 4th and 5th East panels. I hope the communications and working relationships developed during this process will be maintained and that solutions to future issues may be approached in a similar manner.

I look forward to a continually improving association with you, your agency and staff, albeit, on issues not quite as sensitive as the "Falcons"!

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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