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Mr. Steven E. Kochevar, P. E.
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Re: Abandonment of Three Longwall Shields, 3rd Right Longwall Extraction, Trail Mountain Mine.

Dear Mr. Kochevar:

@ 1/15/009

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received a notification from Interwest that three longwall shields will be abandoned due to safety concerns at the subject mine. This notification was also sent jointly to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM). UDOGM has evaluated the proposal and potential impacts (we have received a copy of their report) and concludes that no significant impact to the hydrologic balance would occur, as stated in their November 1, 2000, letter to you. We concur with their findings and agree with the proposal to leave the three longwall shields. Indeed, leaving the shields would assure the safety of the area for the extraction of the other longwall shields. The location of the shields have been noted in our records for future waste certification records.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk of my staff at (435) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Manus

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