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Mr. Jim Smith
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
State Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Smith:

Consol wishes to inform the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining that the Emery Mine will undermine Quitchupah Creek in January, 1981 from the 2-west section. This notification is in lieu of Utah's permanent Coal Mining and Reclamation Program, Section 817.126.

The mining plan for the first panel in 2-west has been altered in order to minimize the probability of subsidence in the area of the creek. Under normal conditions the section would be mined as follows:

Four entry access with entries on 100 foot centers and cross-cuts on 80 foot centers.

Rooms, mined on advance, mined on 50 foot by 60 foot centers a total of 300 feet deep.

Partial pillar extraction in entries during retreat mining.

Our revised mine plan includes:

Shortening rooms 16 through 29 to a depth of 180 feet.

Shortening the center line distance of the entries between cross-cut #13 and cross-cut #14 to 80 feet.

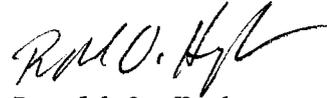
Neglecting to extract the last three rows of pillars in the entries.

In order to monitor surface disturbance, four subsidence monitoring stations have been placed in the area of the creek and surveyed. The first panel in the 2-west section lies underneath two of these monitoring stations.

We believe that this approach will adequately protect the Quitchupah Creek area. No subsidence has been evidenced in the past due to our mining, even under conditions of higher recovery.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.O. Hughes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ronald O. Hughes
Senior Engineer

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