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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management

From: ^{Acting} Director, Office of Surface Mining

Subject: Recommendation for Approval of the Emery Deep Mine Mining Plan, Consolidation Coal Company, Emery County, Utah, Federal Lease U-5287

I recommend your approval of the Emery Deep Mine mining plan pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA), as amended. The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) has reviewed the permit application package (PAP), and the Administrator of the Western Technical Center has informed me that he is prepared to issue a permit under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA) for the Emery Deep Mine subsequent to your approval of the mining plan. My recommendation to approve the Consolidation Coal Company's mining plan is based on: (1) the applicant's complete PAP, (2) OSM's proposed permit conditions, (3) public participation, (4) review of the PAP by OSM, (5) compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, (6) documentation assuring compliance with applicable requirements of SMCRA and other Federal laws, regulations, and executive orders, and (7) comments and recommendations or concurrences of other Federal agencies including the findings and recommendations of the Bureau of Land Management with respect to the resource recovery and protection plan and other requirements of the lease and the MLA.

The Secretary may approve a mining plan for Federal lands under 30 U.S.C. 207(c) and 1273(c). I find that the proposed operations will be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, and I recommend the Emery Deep Mine mining plan updated through August 23, 1984, be approved.

Approval:

I approve this mining plan:

James E. Caso

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals
Management

10/22/85
Date