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November 4, 1985

Mr. John Shotton
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Dear Mr. Shotton:

RE: MRP Amendment, Request for Underground Mining Sequence
Change, Emery Deep Mine, ACT/015/015, #3 and #16, Emery
County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of Consolidation Coal Company's October 7, 1985 request and plans for a change in the underground mining sequence. As a result of the plan review and phone conversations with Mr. Ron Thompson and Mr. Tom Plate on October 17, 1985 and October 31, 1985, respectively, the following comments are warranted:

Changes to the five-year mining sequence are a result of scheduling changes due to indeterminate date of approval for new federal lease areas. In order to maintain production levels and productivity, alternate areas had to be developed which would not enter or be restricted by federal lease areas. The assumption was made that federal lease approval would not be given in the near future.

Changes to the mining sequence include continuance on the 2nd West section and moving equipment to the 3rd Right panel. This equipment would have been moved to the federal lease area if the original mining sequence were allowed. The second sequence change is an "L" shaped section of development to the south of 2nd West. This development will provide an additional two entry split to improve ventilation as well as development of other nonfederal lease areas of the mine.

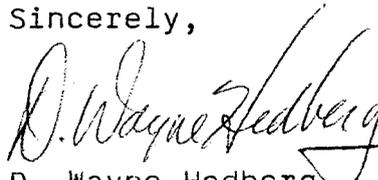
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These changes in the mining sequence do not prevent access to federal coal reserves and will not affect coal recovery. The change in the mining sequence is therefore approved with the following condition.

1. On or before January 15, 1986, Consolidation Coal Company shall provide the Division seven (7) copies of the revised and updated mining sequence for the Emery Deep Mine. The map shall show all areas mined through the end of 1985 as well as the anticipated mining sequence through the end of the five year term.

The above date for submission of a revised mining sequence plan is expected to be sufficient to allow Consolidation Coal Company to incorporate mining of both federal and nonfederal coal areas as the determination and approval for the federal lease is expected in the very near future. Should questions remain, please contact me or Randy Harden of the technical staff.

Sincerely,



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