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January 26, 1987

Mr. David Darby  
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Dear Mr. Darby:

As noted in my letter to you dated May 9, 1986, Consol was to reattempt to drill Well I-U#2 during January or February 1987. During the week of January 12, 1987, this attempt was made in the SW/4, SW/4, SW/4, of the NW/4 of Section 21, T22S, R6E.

At this location, the unstable surficial zone extended to 19 feet and was cased off in order that the underlying Bluegate Shale could be drilled using air/mist injection. While drilling the Bluegate at an approximate depth of 400 feet, a caved area measuring approximately 5 feet in radius and 4 feet deep developed suddenly around a portion of the surface casing. The drilling rig had to be moved immediately to prevent it from tipping over. This site had to be abandoned due to the continuing unstable ground and sloughing of the hole. The abandoned hole was cemented to the surface above the slough zone.

Dave Cline of the DOGM was informed on January 14, 1987 of our intent to relocate Monitor Well I-U#2. This monitor well was successfully completed on January 19, 1987 in the SW/4, SW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 21 T22S, R6E near the location of the original I series well cluster. A pump was installed to facilitate water sampling.

As such, Consol has satisfied all conditions under Stipulation UMC 817.52-(1) of the Emery Deep Mine PAP.

Sincerely,

*Louis H. Meschede*

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