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Richard Denning, Permit Coordinator
Consolidation Coal Company
Mid-Continent Region
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Dear Mr. Denning:

Re: Disapproval of PAP Amendment, Ground-water Monitoring Plan Modification Request, Consolidation Coal Company, Emery Deep Mine, ACT/015/015-87D, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of your October 20, 1987 request to amend the ground water monitoring plan at the Emery Deep Mine. Division hydrologist David Darby has performed a technical review of the proposal. Your request for approval of a "blanket" waiver to ground-water monitoring requirements in the event of unpredictable or unusual circumstances that may prevent routine monitoring is not acceptable. Therefore, the Division must deny Consolidation Coal Company's request.

Our policy is to maintain surface and ground-water monitoring programs. We understand that adversities sometimes occur that hinder or preclude a site from being monitored. When such an adverse situation occurs, the operator is required to document the situation or reason for not monitoring, and notify the Division within 10 days of the event. The situation will be evaluated for possible alternate or contingency plans. The operator must provide the documentation along with the company's regularly scheduled water monitoring reports.

Thank you for your interest. If we can be of further assistance, please contact me or Sue Linner.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Data Management Coordinator

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