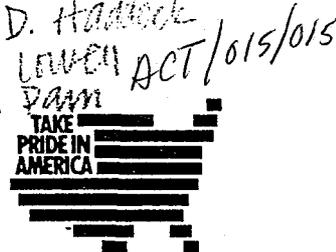




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Dear Dr. Nielson:

As a result of the decisions on the informal appeals of the Ten-Day Letters (TDL) at the Convulsion Canyon Mine (TDL No. 90-02-246-1) and at the Hidden Valley Mine (TDL No. 91-02-246-1), I am withdrawing the following Ten-Day Notices (TDN)/TDL's:

- Hiawatha Mine - TDL No. 91-02-246-2, Violation No. 1 of 1
- Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine - TDL No. 91-02-116-1, Violation No. 1 of 2
- Horse Canyon - TDN No. 91-02-116-1, Violation No. 1 of 1
- Emery Deep - TDN No. 91-02-244-4, Violation No. 1 of 1

The Albuquerque Field Office remains concerned about the adequacy of hydrologic information in the permit. A good design employing the Best Technology Currently Available (BTCA) (Rule R614-301-742) is in Hiawatha's Mining and Reclamation Plan for the "Area East of the Lower Rail Yard and North of the Refuse Area." This design clearly showed that all surface drainage up to a 10-year, 24-hour event will be contained, as opposed to the other "containment" designs in the Hiawatha plan that did not show how much surface drainage can be contained. The problem of BTCA permitting would be lessened if the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining were to require this level of documentation for all BTCA areas.

Sincerely,

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