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THRU: Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor 

FROM: David Darby, Reclamation Specialist 

RE: Oversight Concerns, Consolidated Coal Company, Emery Deep Mine, ACT/015/015, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

## Synopsis

This memorandum addresses concerns Henry Austin expressed in his inspection report for the Oversight Inspection that took place on April 1, 1997.

“There is no additional written record concerning temporary cessation requirements and the July 11, 1990 letter could not be located during the inspection. This letter should be reviewed by DOGM and updates requested if necessary to accurately reflect the current idle conditions at the mine.”

## Analysis

Enclosed is the letter of July 11, 1990 which conforms with the Regulations set forth under R614-301-515.320. The Emery Deep Mine has remained inactive since the letter was submitted. There has been no coal mining or crushing activities taking place. All sedimentation control facilities have been maintained, and all water monitoring schedules fulfilled. Consolidated Coal Company (Consol) has addressed all issues in their Annual Reports to date, which describe their activities.

Consol still has intentions to resume operations at the mine when the coal market is suitable. An important hurdle that the Emery Deep Mine faces is the large contracts some mines secured when coal prices were high. Many of those contracts will end within the next year, which will allow mines such as the Emery Deep Mine a better chance to compete for sales.

## Recommendation

Consol is in compliance with all aspects of their temporary cessation application.

Enclosure:

cc. J. Helfrich  
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