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August 4, 1997

James Fulton, Chief
Federal Lands Program
Office of Surface Mining
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Western Regional Coordinating Center
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202-5733

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

Dear Mr. Fulton

Please find enclosed a memorandum and letter addressing the concerns Henry Austin expressed in his Oversight Review of April 1, 1997. Our scheduled inspections and communication with the operator conclude that activities at the mine have been minimal since it suspended operations in 1990.

We are of the opinion that Consolidated Coal Company (Consol) intends to conduct future mining operations at the mine. Consol has updated and redrafted their mine plan to reflect future mining operations and company interests.

Consol is in compliance with all aspects of their notice of temporary cessation. If you need any more information please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron Haddock".

Daron Haddock
Permit Supervisor

Enclosure:

cc. J. Helfrich
S. Behling

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