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Tim Kirschbaum, Environmental Engineer
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Re: Revised Bond Calculation from Midterm Permit Review, Consolidation Coal Company,
Emery Deep Mine, ACT/015/015-MT99, File #3, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Kirschbaum:

As part of the Midterm review of the Emery Deep Mine, the Division conducted a review of the reclamation bond. Some deficiencies were identified with respect to the bond cost estimate and how the cost of reclamation was calculated. We have now reviewed your January 29, 1999 response to the deficiencies and have determined that your bond needs to be adjusted to bring it in line with the revised information found in your mining and reclamation plan. Based on the information provided at the present time, we have calculated the reclamation costs at the Emery Deep mine to be \$1,473,000.

You should now submit additional bond to bring the total reclamation bond for the Emery Deep Mine to \$1,473,000. In lieu of this, we suggest that our technical staff meet with your staff to ensure accuracy of the information and calculations. Once these are verified, you will need to post any additional bond that is identified at that time.

We have enclosed a technical memo which discusses our review and describes the calculations used to determine the bond amount. Please contact the Division to set up a technical meeting to discuss the bond amount or alternatively, you may post the required bond by no later than April 23, 1999.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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