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April 24, 1990

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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**Re: RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM, NOTICE OF
INTENT TO EXPLORE, TRAIL MOUNTAIN, UP&LCO,
COTTONWOOD/WILBERG MINE, ACT/015/019-900,
FOLDER #2, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH**

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

In response to your letter dated March 29, 1990, the following is provided to answer your concerns:

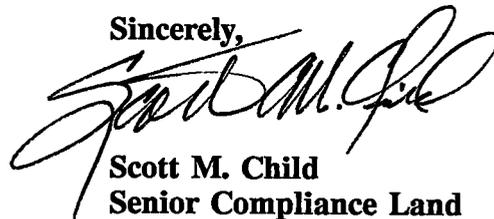
1. The proposed amount of coal to be taken during the exploration of the planned six holes amounts to less than 100 lbs. The only coal extracted is that which is associated with coring each hole. A 5-inch O.D. core barrel will be used to penetrate the approximate 10' coal seam whereby producing a 3" O.D. core sample.
2. The representative(s) to be present on-site during drilling are Arden Taylor, Dale Wilson and Don Shurtz.
3. Enclosed is an updated map reflecting the additional topographic lines.
4. In response to drainage design on sloped areas, the applicant will be drilling its hole on or adjacent to existing roads. Where necessary, water bars and/or culverts may be utilized to control drainage. The determination of water bar or culvert placement will be decided at the site. Where holes 1 thru 5 are located on existing roads, it is planned to utilize existing controls (i.e., berms, water bars, drainages ditches, etc.) and modify where needed as field conditions warrant.

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- 5. Applicant's intent was not to cause more disturbance than was necessary. In any event topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled at each site.**
- 6. During the reclamation phase each mud pit is allowed to dry while working other aspects of the drilling project. As the mud pit dries and dissipates, the pit is backfilled with the earthen material originally excavated to aid in the drying process. Past experience has proven to be effective without need for fencing. Should the Forest Service require fencing then this will be incorporated into our plan.**
- 7. The seed mix as proposed is simply in reference to prior drilling such as this. When the Forest Service stipulates its desired seed mixture a copy will be forwarded to your office.**
- 8. In the event any reclaimed slopes are greater than 33%, applicant will mulch and construct water diversion structures.**

If you need further information, please call me at 220-4612.

Sincerely,



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cc: Steve Falk - BLM, Price