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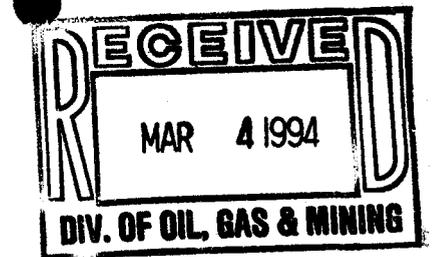
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Mr. Blake Webster  
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Dear Mr. <sup>Blake</sup> Webster:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of an error in my written inspection report. Attached is a revised page 3 with an appropriate note. The changes are reflected by underscoring in the report. The information noted herein does not change what, in my opinion, is the underlying issue. The following highlights are reflected in the amended inspection report with key changes relating to items 1 & 2:

1. Mr. Houskeeper stated the explosives were transported to the mine and did not state they were stored at central warehouse.
2. It was a mine management employee who, in my and Mr. Houskeeper's presence, speculated explosives were stored at central warehouse and not Karl Houskeeper.
3. At the time of the closeout, in spite of my observations made at central warehouse, I in fact did not know with any degree of certainty where the explosives were stored. Also, concluded that the matter would be looked into greater detail associated with the next inspection.
4. After the inspection close out, I contacted and was informed by MSHA that explosives were stored at central warehouse.

Hope my written report attributing the "central warehouse" statement to Mr. Houskeeper, in lieu of another employee, has not caused your organization or its employees any problems.

Sincerely,

Wm. J. Malencik  
DOGM Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure  
cc: Val Payne  
Karl Houskeeper  
Joe Helfrich

INSPECTION REPORT COMMENTS

Note: This supersedes and amends page 3 of 5 of inspection report prepared 2/17/94 to clarify and expand on where explosives were stored, incident to the Cottonwood/Wichburg Mine. Amended portions are shown by underlining.

Permit No. Act 015/019

Inspection Date 2/14/94

Please number comments to correspond with topics on previous page.

Insurance on file covering period 2/24/93 to 2/24/94  
Bonding documents on file for 101.74 disturbed acres and \$ 2,071,098.<sup>00</sup>  
Blasting records reviewed for the last 3 years. No surface blasting performed on the surface the last three years according to the permittee representative. The last record of blasting was in 1990. No powder nor cap magazines were observed at the mine site. The MRP states no explosives are stored at the mine site and are used and transported according to state and federal laws. During the inspection in response to my inquiry, Karl Houskeeper informed me explosives were transported to mine when needed; a mine management employee in the presence of Mr. Houskeeper speculated explosives were stored at central warehouse. After the inspection closed out I checked with MSHA and they stated they were stored at central warehouse. Several questions exist in regard to explosives that will be reviewed in greater detail before the next inspection:

1 Refuse Pile inspection and certified reports prepared and submitted as required. Observed pile and (1) 2/3 of the storage area has stockpiled refuse and (2) the interior drainage system is still operative.

2 Certified as built maps and other documents were reviewed. Suggest the mine pond (N pond) be updated since its a poor copy and difficult to read.

Copy of report mailed to Pacifi Camp/Karl Houskeeper, DOGM/

Copy of report given to \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector's signature [Signature] No. 26

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