

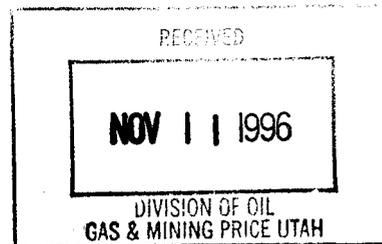
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November 7, 1996

Utah Coal Regulatory Program  
 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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Attention: Mr. Bill Malencik

**Re: COTTONWOOD CANYON FAN PORTAL RECLAMATION ,  
 PACIFICORP, COTTONWOOD MINE, ACT/015/019, EMERY COUNTY,  
 UTAH. FOLDER #2**

The following is submitted in response to your letter, dated June 27, 1996 concerning the Cottonwood Fan Portal Reclamation and the more recent mention of the same issue in the inspection report dated September 12, 1996.

Since the time of the first letter and even previous to that, Energy West Mining Company, has been in the process of determining overall logistics, concerns and the need to reclaim the Fan Portal area. The response has been slow in evolving and we apologize for that, but at this time, a confirmation of approval to provide the funds needed to address the reclamation work has been received. Due to the fact, that it is late in the construction season , work will not commence until the construction season of 1997, as stated on the form mentioned below.

Please find attached, a copy of the Capital Project Request form with the required signatures, which allows work to proceed, start date and a copy of the permitted reclamation plan and a cost estimate.

Thank you for your help and assistance in initiating and completing regulated processes. If there are any questions or concerns, please call me at 687-4822.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Northrup".

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