



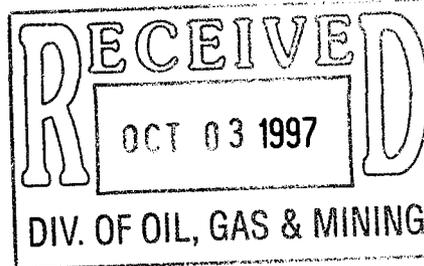
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Dear Mr. Helfrich:

The BLM inspected the results of the sealing of the two portal break-outs in the Hiawatha Seam on September 23, 1997. The BLM inspector, Mike Kaminski, was accompanied by Chuck Semborski and Dennis Oakley of Energy West and Bill Malencik and Jess Kelly of Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

The portals are located on a ledge, midway on an approximate 40-foot vertical cliff face. No topsoil was available to be stored or reapplied. Without soil, seeding the site is futile and should not be attempted. The area above and below the escarpment is well vegetated. The portal seals have been coated with a black tar resembling the rest of the coal outcrop. Standing directly beneath the overhang above the portals, a half dozen or so roof bolts could be seen, despite their being painted to match the surrounding rock. They can only be seen from this position and hence do not constitute a visual obtrusion.

The BLM considers these portals to be satisfactorily sealed and all three phases of rehabilitation completed.

Sincerely,

Area Manager

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