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Coal Mine Safety and Health
District 9

JUL 10 1997

Kent Norton
Manager, Health, Safety and Training
Energy West Mining Company
P. O. Box 310, 15 N. Main
Huntington, UT 84528

RE: Trail Mountain Mine
ID No. 42-01211
Channel Canyon Breakouts

Dear Mr. Norton:

The letter dated January 14, 1997, consisting of a cover letter, a detailed drawing of Channel Canyon breakouts, and a location map, requested MSHA to examine the seals at the two drift openings for compliance with federal regulations.

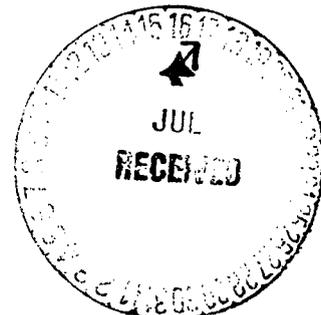
On Tuesday, May 13, 1997, James A. Martin, Coal Mine Inspector, traveled to the site and found that the seals in these two entries do satisfy the regulations in 30 CFR 75.1711.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at 303/231-5462.

Sincerely,

Wickie J. Vigil
for John A. Kuzar
District Manager

Enclosure



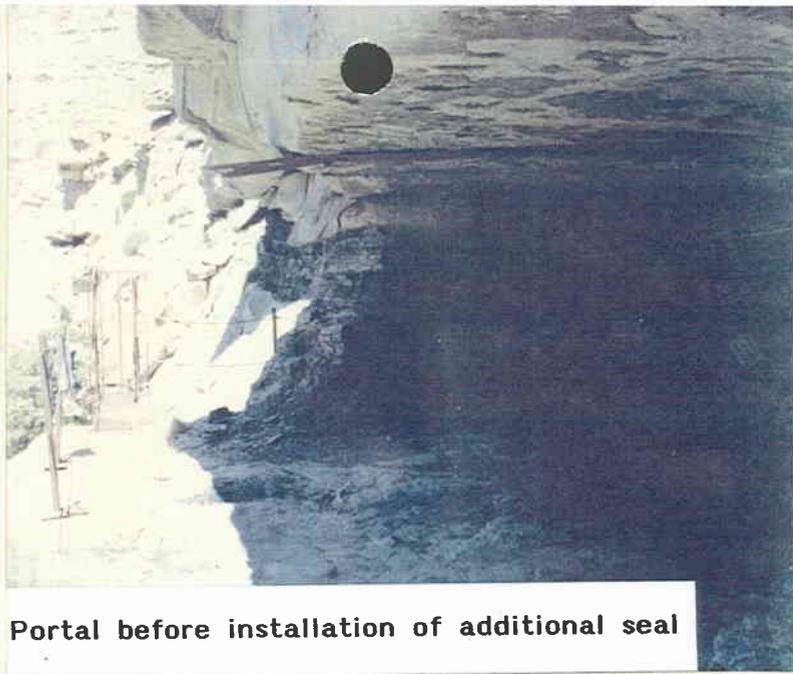


Channel Canyon Portals Reclamation Project

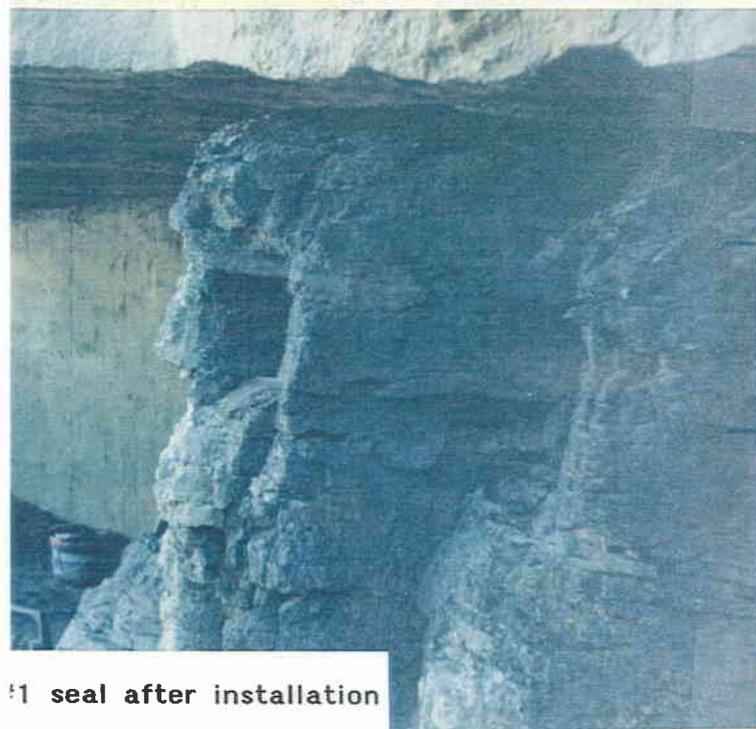
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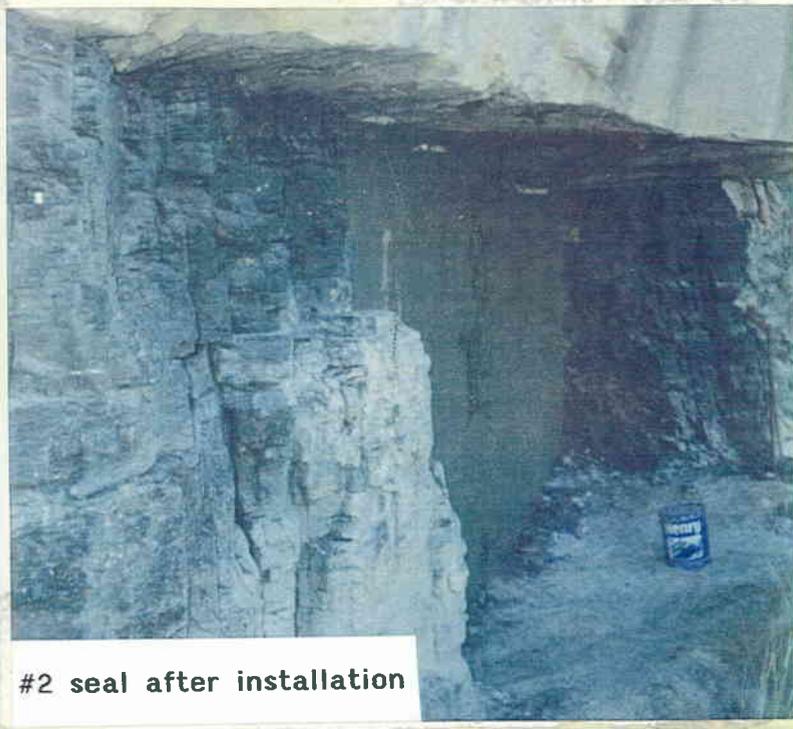
Before reclamation



Portal before installation of additional seal



#1 seal after installation



#2 seal after installation



seal after tar application



After reclamation