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Re: Extension of the Midterm Review Requirements, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, ACT/015/019, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Semborski:

This letter is a follow-up to our phone conversation of March 21, 1997, wherein we discussed PacifiCorp's intent to reply to the TA deficiencies as outlined in your letter dated May 13, 1997. Your letter requested an extension of time to address the deficiencies. We agreed that an extension to July 1, 1997 would be appropriate, given your circumstances and our needs and hereby approve that extension. We recognize that reengineering and redesigning the reclamation of this area may alter your decision on the time to reclaim, but at the same time encourage you to complete the design work now so that when it comes time to reclaim you will be able to do so and meet the regulatory requirements.

We both agreed that getting a plan in place would be the next logical step in the process. Any onsite meetings would be better held after first having a plan in place. There is a good possibility that we will visit this site later this summer as part of the Oversight review process dealing with highwall elimination. That may be a good time to get OSM's assessment of your reclamation plans for this area, but it is imperative that there be a plan in place upon which to base our discussions.

The Division is hesitant to require anything that may postpone reclamation, however in this case it is felt that following the existing plan will not achieve reclamation success. An improved reclamation plan that meets the regulatory requirements must first be put in place. We encourage you to review the March 19, 1997 Technical Analysis and the May 5, 1997 Field Reports for direction on items that need to be corrected. We are willing to work with you in developing a mutually acceptable plan.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me or one of my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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