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Jeff Walters, Forest Supervisor  
U.S. Forest Service  
Manti-LaSal National Forest  
599 West Price river Road  
Price, Utah 84501

Richard Manus, Area Manager  
Price River/ San Rafael Resource Area  
Bureau of Land Management  
125 south 6th West  
Price, Utah 84501

Re: Miller Canyon Portals (Release of Reclamation Liability), PacifiCorp, Cottonwood/  
Wilberg Mine, ACT/015/019-BR99D, Outgoing File

Dear Messrs. Walters and Manus:

Attached please find the application regarding the release of reclamation liability for the Miller Canyon portals located in Cottonwood Canyon. A field trip was held on November 1, 1999 (attached is Bill Malencik's memo on that field trip for your information.)

Please review this application and make your recommendation for concurrence or further information required by February 22, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela Grubaugh-Littig'.

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

cc: Price Field Office

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November 2, 1999

To: File

Thru: Pam Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor.

From: Wm. J. Malencik, Reclamation Specialist.

RE: Miller Canyon, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood Mine, ACT/015/019, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Miller Canyon seals and PacifiCorp Bond Release. A field trip was organized by PacifiCorp to Miller Canyon. Personnel invited to attend included: BLM, USFS, and DOGM. Those in attendance included: Chuck Semborski, Dennis Oakley, Jeff Defreest, and Bill Malencik. The field trip was completed on 11/1/99.

Facts: The three portals are located in a steep walk-in canyon and contains a total of 0.02 acres. The site is outside the designed disturbed area as identified in the MRP. The area was reclaimed and seeded in the summer of 1999.

The area reclamation is successful as observed by all participants. The Division has before it a phase III bond release. The understanding the permittee has with DEQ is that the UPDES permit will be considered as a separate action by DEQ. The small area reclaimed has been successful as noted above.

The USFS representative and the undersigned recommend the phase III bond release be approved.

My impression of USFS reaction: Jeff Defreest is concerned about the possible reaction of the Forest Supervisor. He mentioned this to the undersigned when we were alone. He asked me to meet with Carter Reed and Aaron Howe and support on collective position.

Current Process: The Division <sup>does not have a</sup> has a request from PacifiCorp for a phase III bond release. The SOP is that the Division will submit the phase III bond release to USFS and others for their comments. The comments will be evaluated by the Division before they render their decision. What happens should the USFS object to the release and take the position that the release can not take place until ten years after seeding?