

April 12, 1979

Memo to Coal File:

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Re: Co-op Coal Company
Co-op and Bear Creek Canyon Mines
ACT/015/021
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Mike Thompson held a telephone conversation with Wendell Owen of Co-op Mining Company on the morning of Thursday, April 12, 1979 concerning the above-mentioned mines.

Mr. Owen was informed that the deadline for the Board's order for compliance is May 1, 1979; and, if the forth coming field inspection proves that the required work is not completed, the action would be in violation of the order and cessation may be ordered. Mr. Owen stated that the coal stockpiled near the road last fall was removed on April 4, 1979 and was sold as clean coal. A second stockpile, consisting of contaminated coal that needs to be processed, presently exists at the site. Mr. Owen also stated that the abandoned vehicles are in the process of being removed and he was waiting for Division clearance prior to sediment pond construction. Said clearance was given during the phone conversation and Mr. Owen was reminded that all work must be completed by May 1, 1979.

Mr. Owen admitted that the road construction noted in the March 27, 1979 Division field inspection of the Bear Creek Canyon area was done by Co-op Mining Company last fall. He stated that the work needed to be done in order to complete the Mining and Reclamation Plan that was submitted to the Division on March 14, 1979. He claimed that portal locations could not be finalized without first facing-up to the coal seam. Mr. Owen was informed that the construction was in violation and the Board would be notified.

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Wendell Owen, Co-op Mining Company