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February 28, 1984

Mr. Wendell Owen
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RE: Abatement of Sediment Pond
Violation
Bear Creek Canyon Mine
ACT/015/025, Folder Nos. 3 & 7
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Owen:

On January 30, 1984, the Division sent a letter to Co-op Mining Company addressing abatement plans to Notice of Violation N83-5-8-3, #2 of 3. The letter requested that Co-op review and address certain regulations to complete their abatement plans.

A meeting was held on February 8, 1984 with Mr. Coonrod and Mr. Wimmer to discuss Co-op's deficiencies. The plans to abate the violation were discussed and the following decision to adequately answer the deficient regulations was made on the part of Co-op by Mr. Coonrod. Two areas of concern, sediment pond storm volume and sediment capacity and pond embankment stability were discussed and left to be decided on at a later date.

On February 16, 1984, Co-op representatives, Mr. Coonrod and Mr. Wimmer were contacted by phone by the Division and made aware of the Division's decision to require embankment stability tests coordinated with the Division engineer and to accept the previous sediment pond calculations already agreed upon.

Mr. Coonrod contacted the Division on February 23, 1984 to inform them soil conditions in the embankment were not of sufficient integrity due to winter conditions for accurate stability tests to be conducted. He stated all other plans and maps requested by the Division would be received by the end of the month as requested.

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A date of June 1, 1984 or earlier, weather permitting, was agreed upon by the Division and Mr. Coonrod as sufficient time frame to conduct stability tests on the embankment. Mr. Wimmer was also requested to talk with Pam Grubaugh-Littig, Division engineer, about the necessary tests to adequately determine stability of the embankment.

Currently, we are waiting for maps and plans from Mr. Wimmer. If Co-op Mining has any questions regarding abatement requirements, please contact the Division.

Sincerely,



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