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STATE OF UTAH  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
Oil, Gas & Mining

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July 16, 1987

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
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Mr. Melvin A. Coonrod  
Permitting & Compliance  
Co-Op Mining Company  
P O Box 1245  
Huntington, Utah 84528

Dear Mr. Coonrod:

Re: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N87-26-3-1,  
ACT/015/025, Folder #5, Summit County, Utah

The undersigned has been appointed by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under UMC/SMC 845.11-845.17.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. This violation was issued by Division Inspector, Wm Malencik on June 12, 1987. Rule UMC/SMC 845.2 et seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this proposed assessment, you or your agent may file a written request for an assessment conference to review the proposed penalty. (Submit a request for a conference to Ms. Vicki Bailey, at the above address.)

If A TIMELY REQUEST IS NOT MADE, THE PROPOSED PENALTY(IES)  
WILL BECOME FINAL, AND THE PENALTY(IES) WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE  
WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Vicki Bailey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive, appearing to read 'Joseph C. Helfrich'.  
Joseph C. Helfrich  
Assessment Officer

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Enclosure

cc: John C. Kathmann, DSM, AFO, an equal opportunity employer

WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES  
UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE Co-OP Mining Co/Bear Canyon NOV # N87-26-3-1

PERMIT # ACT/015/025 VIOLATION 1 OF 1

ASSESSMENT DATE 7-1-87 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joseph C. Helfrich

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated, which fall within 1 year of today's date?

ASSESSMENT DATE 7-1-87 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR DATE 7-1-86

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS
<u>N86-10-6-1</u>	<u>3-12-87</u>	<u>1</u>			

1 point for each past violation, up to one year  
5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year  
No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 1

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following applies. Based on the facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within which category the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the AO will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Event

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Unauthorized mining activities without prior approval
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE
None	0
Insignificant	1-4
Unlikely	5-9
Likely	10-14
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 10

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Inspector statement indicated that mining activity had occurred in the Hiawatha seam.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

RANGE

Potential or Actual Damage 0-25\*

\*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Inspector statement indicated that no damage occurred nor potential thereof as a result of the violation.

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement? \_\_\_\_\_

RANGE

Potential hindrance 1-12

Actual hindrance 13-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 20

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE;  
OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE;  
OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence 0

Negligence 1-15

Greater Degree of Fault 16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Greater degree of fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 24

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Operator previously cited for same unauthorized mining activity under NOV #N85-4-8-2, #1 of 2. Dated 3-12-85. Operator was also in violation of a specific permit conditon. 10-15-86 letter from John Whitehead to Melvin Coonrod.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO -EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

- Immediate Compliance -11 to -20\*  
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
- Rapid Compliance -1 to -10\*  
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance 0  
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

\*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

Difficult Abatement Situation

- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20\*  
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance -1 to -10\*  
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
- Extended Compliance 0  
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? easy ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 11

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Immediate compliance achieved

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR N87-26-3-1

I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>1</u>
II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>20</u>
III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>24</u>
IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u>- 11</u>
 TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	 <u>34</u>
 TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	 <u>\$ 480.</u>



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October 15, 1986

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(P 402 458 645)

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P.O. Box 1245  
Huntington, Utah 84528

Dear Mr. Coonrod:

Re: Conditional Approval of Surface Facilities Amendment, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025, Folder #4, Emery County, Utah.

Pursuant to our meeting of September 30, 1986, and your subsequent letter of October 3, 1986, the Division has reviewed Co-Op Mining's submittal and hereby approves construction of the surface facilities associated with the Hiawatha Seam with the following condition:

1. Co-op Mining Company must provide by November 21, 1986, an updated bond in the amount of \$256,122 for the Bear Canyon Mine.

This approval is an amendment to the presently approved Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Bear Canyon Mine as it entails only minor changes to the surface facility configuration of the presently disturbed area.

As was established in our meeting, this approval does not constitute approval to mine coal from the Hiawatha seam. The permitting concerns associated with ground water must still be addressed and the appropriate findings made by the Division before a permit decision is made on the revision.