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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Re: Co-Op Mine, Bear Canyon
Temporary Coal Storage

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, recently received an NOV relative to short-term storage on the Scale House pad. The area in question is approximately .5 acres and is totally controlled drainage served by Sediment Pond "B". This pond has never discharged and was built in excess of twice the necessary capacity.

Co-Op feels that the need for temporary storage of approximately 200 tons of primarily lump coal is not only a convenience to the individual small pickup trade, but a safety feature. When the mine is loading large semit-trucks necessary for rush contracts such as unit train loading ect., a smooth flow of traffic is only possible by restricting small pickups from the potentially congested area at the truck loadouts. A small pickup truck can be difficult to see and avoid under these conditons. The individual coal customer makes up a major percentage of Co-Op's retail sales and as such, is a valued constituent of the mine's ability to compete in a very soft market.

In order to promote safety and as a convenience to these customers, Co-Op needs the capability to maintain this type of temporary storage.

Co-Op would appreciate your assistance is securing this approval. Based on the above and the fact that no environmental damage can conceivably occur as a result of this practice, Co-Op requests that this NOV be vacated.

Sincerely,

Kim Mangum
Permitting & Compliance Director

cc: Wendell Owen
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