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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Charles Gent
Genwal Coal Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 1201
Huntington, Utah 84528

Dear Mr. Gent:

Re: Approval of Abatement Plans for Notice of Violation
N85-4-12-3, #3 of 3, Noncoal Waste Disposal Plan, Crandall
Canyon Mine, ACT/015/032, #3, 7, Emery County, Utah

The Division has completed its review of Genwal's latest (letter dated September 30, 1985) revised abatement plans for the violation noted above. The operator has adequately addressed the conditions as outlined in the Division's September 23, 1985 letter. The following is provided for clarification and resolution to this abatement action:

4. This condition specifically excludes sediment pond materials from offsite disposal to landfills.
6. This condition requires the operator to specify plans for temporary storage and permanent onsite disposal for sediments excavated from the sedimentation pond.

The operator has presented plans for the dewatering and temporary storage of the excavated sediments onsite. The plan for transport and ultimate disposal offsite at the Sinbad landfill is proposed for permanent disposal of the excavated sediments.

Sediments excavated from a pond commonly contain various types of waste material. These materials may include excess spoils and/or coal processing waste. This category of material must be disposed of within the permit area in accordance with UMC 817.71.

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Once mixed in the pond, it becomes quite difficult to identify and separate the specific percentage of natural sediments versus coal waste/spoils and other material. The Division is in the process of developing a standard policy which will be applicable to all coal mines seeking to dispose of pond sediments and future requests to clean sediments from the Crandall Canyon pond will be reviewed against this policy.

In the interim, Genwal's proposed plan for the dewatering, sampling and laboratory analysis of the sediments to determine toxicity and/or acidity before disposal at the approved Sinbad landfill site is approvable. Disposal must be in accordance with the requirements of the Department of State Health's September 5 letter. The Division must receive copies of all laboratory analyses of representative sediment samples and approve of the results prior to disposal at the landfill site.

Unless the operator notifies this office to the contrary, we will assume that Genwal concurs with these requirements. Should questions remain regarding the content or requirements described above, please call.

Sincerely,

Lowell Braxton for

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor/
Reclamation Hydrologist

PERMITTING CHRONOLOGY:

- A. Operator Submittals
1. August 20, 1985
2. October 3, 1985

- B. DOGM Responses
1. September 20, 1985
2. October 24, 1985

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