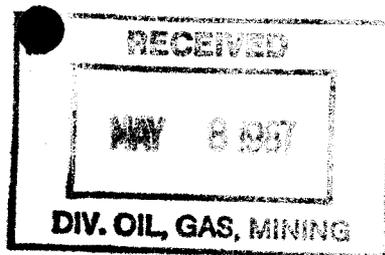


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Subject: Genwal Coal Co. Diversion RD-4

Dear Mr. Leatherwood:

Genwal Coal Company has requested that I respond to the Division's concerns regarding apparent discrepancies in design conditions for a proposed diversion at the Crandall Canyon Mine labeled RD-4. This diversion is proposed for construction during reclamation of the mine and will extend from an undisturbed watershed north of the portal pad to an accompanying ditch located adjacent to the Forest Service road.

The apparent discrepancy in the design is between Plate 3-5 and Appendix 7-7 of the mining and reclamation plan. On Plate 3-5, a cross section (F-F') is shown east of RD-4 indicating that the highwall below the portal pad will be backfilled at F-F' during reclamation. The implication to the Division is that the highwall will also be backfilled at RD-4. However, Appendix 7-7 (pages 270 and 27s) indicate that RD-4 will be blasted into rock at the lower highwall.

While a portion of the highwall below the portal pad will be backfilled, this backfilling is not planned to extend as far west as RD-4. Rather, the backfilling will extend primarily east of F-F', ending west of cross section G-G'. Thus, although it could be implied from Plate 3-5 that a discrepancy exists between this plate and Appendix 7-7, this discrepancy does not exist and RD-4 will be constructed into rock as indicated in Appendix 7-7.

Please contact Andy King at Genwal or us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Richard B. White*

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Enclosure

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