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TO: Folder #4, ACT/015/032

FROM: Priscilla Burton, Reclamation Specialist/Inspector

RE: Notification of Forest Service Concerning Crandall Canyon Mine Special Use Areas Sediment Control. Genwal Coal Co. **ACT/015/032**. Emery County. Utah. **Folder #4**.

On March 12, 1992, I spoke with Carter Reed of the Manti-LaSal National Forest. Mr. Reed indicated that Walt Novak of the Price District Office oversees Genwal Coal Company's Crandall Canyon Special Use Permits. I discussed with Mr. Novak the condition of the silt fence at the "trailhead" site. The design consists of a berm of boulders faced with a silt fence. The silt fence was holding sediment almost to the top of the fabric. The capacity of the fence was definitely exceeded and a design event would most certainly cause offsite degradation. I suggested that the design should be inspected by a Forest Service hydrologist for possible improvements.

Mr. Novak indicated that he would discuss maintenance of the silt fence with Mr. Marshall of Genwal Coal Co., but did not see any necessity for redesign. His theory was that this is the first year after construction of the widened pad and the sediments are still being cemented in place. After a time of compaction and drying, the calcium carbonate in the sediments would form a hardened, caliche layer.