

July 30, 1980

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Utah Coal and Energy Co.
Black Hawk Mine
Summit County, Utah
ACT/043/001

On July 10, 1980, a meeting was held between representatives of the Division and representatives of Utah Coal and Energy Company (U.C.&E.) at the Black Hawk Mine in Summit County, Utah. The purpose of the meeting was to observe slope failures above the Black Hawk Portal No.2 and No.1, and discuss methods proposed by Utah Coal and Energy to remedy the existing instability of the slopes.

Mr. Richard S. Kopp, consultant geologist for U.C.&E. and Mr. Harold Soderquist, representing U.C.&E. met with Jim Smith and Lee Spencer of the Division.

The following conclusions were reached:

1. The Division personnel on site don't specifically recognize the emergency that Mr. James M. Jones, Attorney for U.C.&E. claimed existed which jeopardize Portal No. 2.
2. The plans submitted by U.C.&E. in the mining application to satisfy their Board order does not satisfy the requirements for stability under the interim or permanent regulations for the portals.
3. Representatives of U.C.&E. were unaware of the forth coming permanent regulations and copies of the Act and Chapter I were sent, June 17, 1979.
4. Mr. Richard S. Kopp discussed the stabilization plan and acknowledged that a professional engineer needed to certify these plans, but this had not been done, since he was not a professional engineer. The Division also proposed alternatives for stabilization to Mr. Kopp.
5. The use of straw dikes for drainage control was discussed and Mr. Kopp was advised the straw dikes are only a temporary control measure.
6. It was noted that the existing sedimentation pond was breached recently due to heavy thunderstorm activity.

The Division cannot approve the existing plans as submitted for approval without additional information. U.C.&E. has been advised to resubmit an emergency stabilization plan as a separate document, if officials of U.C.&E. feel that they need to take immediate action, see letter to U.C.&E. of June 17. In this letter U.C.&E. was reminded that the Board Order requiring posting of a bond has not been completed.

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