July 22, 1986

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FROM: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Reclamation Engineer

RE: Status of Disturbance at the Vipont Mine, ACT/003/005, Box Elder County, Utah.

Richard Smith and Pamela Grubaugh-Littig visited the Vipont Mine on July 16, 1986 to observe any changes in the disturbance. The extent of the disturbance is about the same as last year with one difference: there were recent changes in the topography of the tailing piles below the dump area.

The surface water concerns (noted in the letter to Mr.. Thomas Miller from Lowell P. Braxton, dated September 24, 1985) were observed. The ditch has not been repaired. There were no signs that the ditch had been excavated to a depth to safely convey the runoff from the leach pads or that a protective berm had been installed around the leach pads.

There has not been more than two acres disturbed since the last survey in September, 1985. However, the new 5-acre non-coal rule may apply to this operation with a disturbance over 7 acres total.

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cc: John Whitehead
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