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Re: Mining Permit Objection
Amax Coal Company's Belle Ayr Mine

Gentlemen:

J. M. Huber Corporation as record title owner of State of Wyoming Oil and Gas Lease #68-22526-A covering Section 36: T48N-R71W, Campbell County, Wyoming, objects to the mining permit applied for by Amax Coal Company for their Belle Ayr Mine.

The State of Wyoming Oil and Gas Lease is dated July 2, 1968, and remains in force since there are two producing wells on the lease. The Huber Sullivan State #36-1, located in the SE/SW, and the Century State #36-1, located in the NW/SW of Section 36. The section is in an active oil and gas area with one well having been drilled in Section 36 in 1984 and other wells being drilled on offset lands.

We believe that if the permit to mine Section 36 is granted, that this will jeopardize our oil and gas rights as far as further exploration, drilling, production and acess to our lease.

We would request that Section 36 be removed from the mine permit area in regards to the actual mining of coal.

We will be more than happy to answer any questions you have concerning this objection and will be prepared to testify at any hearing that is held in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J.M. HUBER CORPORATION

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