

VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH, INC.

Scofield Route
Helper, Utah 84526

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25 January 1982

Mr. Roger Frenette
Enforcement Division
Environmental Protection Agency
Region VIII
1860 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80295

RE: 4th Quarter 1981 N.P.D.E.S. Report
Discharge Permit #UT-0022985

Dear Mr. Frenette:

Please find enclosed a copy of the 4th Quarter "Discharge Monitoring Report" for the Belina Mines.

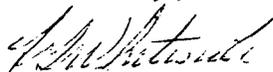
As you can see, the oil and grease maximum exceeded the permit requirement for that particular parameter. The sample which exceeded the limitation was a grab sample taken at our VC-001 discharge point on October 14, 1981.

Investigation into the cause of this violation resulted only in the possibility of it occurring as a result of completely pumping down the main underground sump. This would allow for particulates such as oil and other buoyant residues to be discharged to the filtering pond. It is very likely that as a result, the oil and grease content could have become so concentrated in the mine effluent that proper filtering did not occur through the filtering ponds.

This appears to be the only possible source since our investigation did not disclose any oil spills.

If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



T. G. Whiteside
Senior Mining Engineer

Enclosure

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