

**VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH, INC.**

Scofield Route  
Helper, Utah 84526

21 February 1983

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

Re: N.P.D.E.S. Discharge Permit  
No. UT-0022985  
January 1983 Discharge Report

Dear Mr. Frenette:

Please find enclosed one (1) copy of the "Discharge Monitoring Report" for January, 1983.

Discharge was from the No. 4 sedimentation pond at the Belina Mines.

As you can see, the TSS measurement exceeded the average limitation, but did not exceed the daily maximum. The pond was sampled on the only day we found a discharge, and as a result, only one sample was available for the month. Attempts were made to gather a sample on other days during the month, but no discharge was found. It is possible that a minor discharge was occurring, but could not be found.

Getting to the discharge sampling point has become increasingly difficult, since we have to shovel out a spot on every attempt. At times, this requires digging a hole in the snow as much as six (6) feet deep.

Due to the problems encountered as a result of winter conditions, and the associated hazards to the welfare of the one attempting to obtain the sample, I would suggest an alternate sampling location for the remainder of the winter.

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A location more readily available and certainly safer would be at the surface water monitoring point VC-5. This point is in Whiskey Canyon just above the confluence with Eccles Canyon. During the winter months, sampling at this location could be done early on in the day so as to preclude sampling of run-off from the access road resulting in thawing conditions.

This may not be the most desirable situation in some respects, but it surely would be safer, and would also offer possibilities of obtaining additional samples if mine and run-off discharge were to increase.

This alternative is not presented for long range sampling consideration, but only during the period for which access to the discharge sampling point below the No. 4 sediment pond is practically inaccessible. The period would probably be up through April, 1983.

I would appreciate your consideration on this request, and await your decision.

Please call on me if I may be of assistance during your deliberation.

Sincerely,



T. G. Whiteside  
Chief Engineer

Enclosure

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Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, w/encl. ✓