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TO: Coal File #17
FROM: Thomas J. Suchoski TJS
RE: Valley Camp of Utah, Belina Complex, ACT/007/001 Carbon
County, Utah

On April 2, 1985 Tom Suchoski and Rick Summers visited with Trevor Whiteside and Steve Tanner of Valley Camp to inspect the sediment pond #4 decant pipe and discharge structure. On the site visit to the pond we found the side of the pipe ruptured because of ice adhering to the side and contracting around the pipe. As a result, water was being discharged through a nine inch by two inch tear in the side of the riser. The decant valve for the three inch decant was closed.

The water entering the riser through the tear appeared to be clean and was discharging at approximately 20 to 25 gallons per minute (gpm). Steve Tanner expressed grave concern over the failure of the riser and the possibility that spring runoff will cause the ice frozen to the side of the riser to separate the riser from the barrel pipe through the embankment.

Also visited during the site visit was the Utah #2 loadout and the drainage ditches associated with the violation written by Sandy Pruitt in March. All parties expressed concern regarding the ability to control runoff during the winter months and the frustration associated with winter and early spring time construction.

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