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Mr. Kenneth L. Alkema, Director
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Dear Mr. Alkema:

Re: Exceedence of Effluent Limitation of NPDES Permit UT-0022985

This letter is to notify the Division of Environmental Health that an exceedence of an NPDES (UPDES) effluent limitation has occurred. During the April 11, 1988 DOGM coal mine inspection of the Belina Mine operated by Valley Camp of Utah, discharge was noticed coming from NPDES point 004; Permit UT-0022985. Samples of the discharge were gathered by inspector Daron Haddock and then were subsequently analyzed by Mountain States Analytical Laboratory in Salt Lake City. The results are enclosed and show a TDS of 1061 mg/l which exceeds the 750 mg/l limitation of the permit.

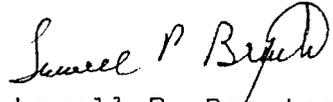
On May 3, 1988 the Belina Mine was again inspected and discharge at point 004 was again sampled. The water appeared cloudy and it is suspected that effluent limits may again be exceeded. The samples are now in the process of being analyzed.

In the spirit of inter-departmental cooperation we feel DEH should be apprised of this situation and ask for your input as to whether or not These sample data represent any of the following: a significant, chronic, or serious danger to the health or safety of the public. Would you please let us know if any enforcement action should be taken by Oil Gas & Mining.

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Please feel free to contact Sue Linner or myself if you have any further questions. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Administrator

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