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Mr. Everett Hooper  
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Utah Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
4241 State Office Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

RE: Diversion at Utah Fuel No. 1

Dear Ev:

On October 1, 1982, Joe Lyons of the D.O.G.M. staff asked that we address topsoil removal and equipment to be used for the construction of the diversion around Utah Fuel No. 1 facility.

We do not feel that topsoil can be removed while pioneering a side cast dozer road across the face of the slope. The road must be established before topsoil could be handled. Topsoil retrieval after road establishment is not feasible, due to equipment limitations and safety restrictions. Saving or retrieving the 1-2" of "topsoil" on this minor area would require the disturbance of the entire hillside below the diversion.

We do not feel that the loss of the resource (about 20 yds.<sup>3</sup> of topsoil) is significant when compared to the risk, cost and excessive disturbance caused by attempted recovery. We do not want this very minor protection project to turn into a major operation.

The most probably equipment to be used will be a D-8 size dozer and a Case 680 size backhoe. Equipment selection will be at the option of the contractor.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

*R. L. Wiley*  
R. L. Wiley  
Environmental Engineer

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cc: K. B. Hutchinson  
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