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CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 3968380
Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Rob Walline
NPDES Section
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1860 Lincoln Street, Suite 103
Denver, Colorado 80295

Re: Non-Compliance Notification
Permit No. UT-0023086

Dear Mr. Walline:

Price River Coal Company of Helper, Utah, is making notification of non-compliance as required in Part II, Section A, of our NPDES Permit. The non-compliance concerns a failure to meet suspended soils requirements caused by an unintentional short-circuiting of a portion of the inflow to Pond 014 on NPDES Permit No. UT-0023086. The short-circuiting and subsequent untreated discharge was caused by fracture of a 4" drill water return line from the No. 2 shaft under construction in our Crandall Canyon development.

We became aware of this problem on the morning of March 9, 1982, when it was noticed that water was leaking through a protection berm. The quantities range as high as 40 gpm whenever the pump comes on. We are limiting pumping to the minimum possible and making every effort to repair the broken line. We are catching the untreated water with temporary straw dikes in the adjacent ephemeral stream channel. The first receiving stream is the Price River, about 1½ miles distant.

We expect to have completed the needed repairs and ended the non-compliance situation within three (3) days.

Please contact me if you have any additional concerns that I have not addressed.

Sincerely,

R. L. Wiley
Robert L. Wiley
Environmental Engineer

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- cc: J. Smith, DOGM
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