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September 16, 1985

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
(P402 457 233)

Mr. Keith W. Zobell
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Utah Fuel Company
P.O. Box 719
Helper, Utah 84526

Dear Mr. Zobell:

Re: Review of Operator Conditional Approval Response for
Removal and Disposal of Sediment from Sedimentation Pond,
Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005, #3 and #4, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has received (September 9, 1985) Utah Fuel Company's letter dated September 6, 1985 which addresses the conditions attached to our August 19, 1985 conditional approval letter for the proposal identified above. Based upon an in-depth review of your response letter, the following clarifications are warranted:

Condition 1: Utah Fuel Company has satisfied this condition.

Condition 2: Utah Fuel Company's response to this condition is not adequate to satisfy this condition. The operator must provide sizing calculations and dimensions for the ditch to be constructed. The capacity must be adequate to handle the peak design flow from the two connecting disturbed area drainage ditches. The operator may reference the specific section of the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) or date of plan submission for these design calculations if previously provided to the Division.

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Condition 3: Utah Fuel Company has provided an estimate of 2,000 yards of excess sediments to be disposed of at the Scofield waste rock disposal site. The company has failed to provide the Division with the specific (or anticipated) hauling date for the sediments to this site. However, the company's September 6 letter infers that the date for hauling sediments to the waste rock disposal site was to coincide with the date for disposal in the trench (assumed to be scheduled for the next day, September 24).

If this is accurate, then this condition has been adequately addressed. Please provide the specific date if this is an incorrect assumption.

Condition 4: The operator's September 6 letter requests an extension of time until September 24, 1985 to submit the survey map of the sediment pond. On September 13, 1985, Wayne Hedberg spoke with you concerning this request. You stated that Olympus would not be able to respond within the time frame requested previously (by September 24). The Division hereby extends the time for submission of the survey map until October 1, 1985.

Condition 5: To date, the Division has not received formal notice that the U. S. Forest Service (USFS) has granted Utah Fuel Company an approval for this proposal. Verbal intent is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of this condition. The Division will require a copy of the USFS's written approval to confirm and finalize this condition.

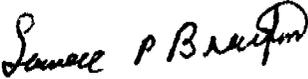
The Division cannot issue a final approval and resolution to the conditions outlined in our August 19 letter until Utah Fuel provides the required information as identified above.

Also included is a Notice of Violation (NOV) modification notice for NOV N85-2-18-2, #2 of 2. The time frame for abatement has been extended to coincide with the operator's submission of the remaining information outlined in this letter.

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Please provide the remaining information by October 1, 1985. Thank you for your cooperation in completing this permitting activity. Please call should you have questions concerning the content of this letter.

Sincerely,


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