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Mr. Calvin K. Sudweeks
Executive Secretary
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Dear Mr. Sudweeks:

In accordance with the requirements of NPDES Permit No. UT-0023540 Section A.5 c(1) (page 10 of 16) notice is hereby provided of an "Anticipated Bypass" planned for late March or early April of this year. The exact date will be determined by equipment and personnel availability and by weather conditions.

The location of the bypass will be at the discharge structure of the portal area sedimentation pond. The purpose of the bypass is to enable replacement of the discharge/decant structure with a new design which is less susceptible to ice damage and the resultant leakage.

Replacement of the structure will require that the pond level be lowered to a point below the top of the concrete block on which the discharge structure is mounted. This will be accomplished in three steps: 1) opening the decant valve; 2) punching holes in the existing structure immediately above the concrete block; and 3) pumping to lower the pond the remainder of the way to the desired level. All decanted water will be moved through the existing discharge structure into Eccles Creek.

During the decant operation the following water quality protection measures will be taken.

1. No mine water will be pumped into the pond during the 24 hour period preceding the repair operation. Mine water will be moved to an abandoned section of the mine for temporary storage.

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2. The three pond lowering operations will be separated in time to the maximum extent practical to allow settling of the sediments disturbed by ice movement.
3. Water quality will be monitored as would be required during a routine overflow; however, additional samples are to be taken at least every six hours for turbidity and settleable solids. Should the settleable solids level exceed 0.5 ml/l an attempt will be made to provide settling time within the limits of the construction schedule.

It is our intent to limit the impact of both underground water and the accumulation of surface runoff by proceeding on a 24-hour per day basis until the repairs are completed.

Sincerely,

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