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TO: Coal File

FROM: Rick Summers, Reclamation Hydrologist ^{BS}

RE: Meeting of June 26, 1985 to discuss NOV N85-2-24-3, 1 of 2 (mine water discharge) Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005, Carbon County, Utah

On June 26, 1985, Lowell Braxton, Rick Summers, Joe Helfrich, and Sandy Pruitt of the Division met with Keith Welch, Keith Zobell, Doug Anderson, and Glen Zumwalt representing Utah Fuel Company, at the Skyline mine. This meeting was called in order to discuss the requirements of the May 31, 1985 letter from the Division to Utah Fuel Company concerning the discharge of significant amounts of mine water into the existing sedimentation pond at the Skyline Mine. Utah Fuel Company representatives expressed that they did not want to address the items required by the May 31, 1985 letter and expressed concern over the Division's authority to require the items. They were told that in order to approve a proposed detention time of less than 24 hours, the Division requires a demonstration that the effluent limitations will be met (UMC 817.46(c)). This demonstration consists of two parts: 1) a theoretical demonstration and 2) a monitoring period to verify the theoretical conclusions. Utah Fuel Co. indicated they wished to demonstrate pond capacity for total containment of the 10yr-24hr precipitation event and a given amount of mine water discharge (and therefore provide 24 hr detention time) rather than pursue a demonstration of a lesser detention time. Utah Fuel Co. indicated that they are investigating the potential to increase the volume of the pond (primarily by increasing the standpipe elevation), but did not want this proposed modification to the MRP to be required as part of the NOV abatement. The Division responded that we would be able to review the pond volume and determine that excess available for mine water discharge within two weeks if all the required information existed in the MRP. The pond and decant system was toured onsite to familiarize those of the Division new on the project.

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