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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Glen A. Zumwalt
Vice President and General Manager
Utah Fuel Company
P. O. Box 719
Helper, Utah 84526

Dear Mr. Zumwalt:

RE: Conditional Approval, MRP Amendment, Bonding and Permit Area Change, Unit Train Loadout Facility Area, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005, #3 and #5, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has completed the review of Utah Fuel Company's latest submission received August 12, 1985 which concerns a request to add an additional area of minor disturbance to the bonding and permit area for the Skyline Mine Complex.

The area of concern addresses a road at the Unit Train Loadout Facility which accesses the railroad trackage. This road is to be used by coal trucks to test the railroad loading scales and to load trucks should the need arise for a coal shipment. The Company anticipates that this road will seldom be used. The request is to include this road within the present permitted area and also to include the disturbed area between the road and the loadout building. Utah Fuel calculates the new area at 0.2 acres of additional disturbance. The Company has requested that the surface drainage from this additional disturbed area be exempted from the sedimentation pond criteria. The Company has proposed alternative sediment control measures to include the following:

1. installation of the silt fencing material along the edge of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) drainage ditch where drainage would leave the permitted area;

2. covering the disturbed area in question with a minimum of three inches of washed rock material;

3. utilize an existing catch basin with the outlet to be constructed with silt fencing material backed by straw bales.

The Company anticipates that the access road may at some point in the future be paved onto and off of the railroad trackage. The Division is prepared to issue its approval for this amendment. However, the following comments and conditions are included for clarification and finalization of this permitting activity:

The estimated runoff volume as computed by the operator on page 2 of the submission is incorrect. The southern parcel of the contributing watershed area will be 0.013 ac-ft, not 0.0011 ac-ft. The northern parcel of contributing watershed area should be 0.012, not 0.00096 ac-ft as calculated and reported in the plans.

The operator must revise and update the bonded area map(s) and appropriate bonding text to include the fenced area. The revised text should also include a discussion on removal of the same upon final reclamation of the mine facilities. The operator is requested to provide this information by September 30, 1985. A possible alternative to this was verbally discussed between yourself and Randall Harden of the Division's technical staff. This alternative concerns Utah Fuel Company's proposal to provide a separate letter which would contain a formal Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) request to leave the fence as part of the post mining land use for this area. This request should also include a commitment from UDOT to assume ultimate responsibility for the maintenance and future removal and restoration of the area effected by the fence when its use is no longer required.

As a condition to this approval, and in order to update all appropriate state and federal permit applications on file, please provide the Division fourteen (14) copies of the approved plans, revised maps and figures for direct insertion into the appropriate mine plans on file.

The Division hereby approves the plans as proposed. Implementation of these approved plans should be accomplished by September 30, 1985. Thank you very much for your cooperation in these matters. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

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