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CERTIFIED RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Keith Zobel
Utah Fuel Company
P. O. Box 719
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Dear Mr. Zobel:

Re: NOV #N85-2-7-2, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005, Folder #7 Carbon
County, Utah

Enclosed is NOV #N85-2-7-2 issued as a result of my inspection May 24, 1985. This enforcement action was discussed with you at that time, but due to time constraints, NOV #2 of 2 was not discussed to the extent that I believe is necessary to achieve compliance. We briefly discussed the performance standard in UMC 817.71(i) and the commitment in the approved plans requiring regular inspections of the waste rock disposal site and certified reports on compliance with the approved designs.

A noncombustible fill barrier was reportedly constructed in the bottom of the disposal pit in October 1984. Mine waste rock, which contains coal, was placed in the disposal pit as of April, 1985. You indicated to me on May 29, 1985 that no inspections of the waste rock disposal site had been conducted, as required by UMC 817.71(i), to provide a certified report that the fill has been constructed as specified in the approved designs. Therefore, NOV #2 of 2 is warranted.

The abatement action required by Part A of NOV #2 of 2 is necessary to determine compliance with the approved designs. This is very important with regard to the construction of the noncombustible fill barrier, along the bottom and sides of the disposal pit, which was designed to prevent spreading of the adjacent underground coal fires into the disposal site and to protect an exposed coal seam.

A certified report of an inspection conducted by a qualified professional during placement and compaction of the noncombustible fill material would indicate whether the fill was constructed to the approved designs. In lieu of that, the DOGM requires information to verify that the initial construction of the fill area is as

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specified in the approved designs. At a minimum, indicate the volume of noncombustible fill material used to construct the barrier along the floor and walls of the pit and provide the results of compaction tests. A current survey of the pit can be used with a comparison to preexisting cross sections to demonstrate the dimensions of the barrier constructed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the violations or the required abatement actions, please do not hesitate to call me. Randy Harden can provide assistance for the submittal required under Part A of NOV #2 of 2.

Sincerely,



Sandy Pruitt
Mining Field Specialist

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Enclosures

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