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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Mr. Glen A. Zumwalt
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Dear Mr. Zumwalt:

RE: Receipt of Permit Area Maps, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005, #3, #4 and #7, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has received Utah Fuel Company's submissions dated February 6, 1985 and March 5, 1985. The maps and revised text were submitted in response to an Office of Surface Mining Ten-Day Notice on the train loadout area resulting from insufficient permit area maps in the approved MRP. The Division's Inspection and Enforcement staff requested updated disturbed area boundary maps for both the loadout and mine areas in a letter dated December 27, 1984, which prompted these responses.

The Division has received copies of two maps representative of the loadout area. One map is entitled "Loadout Facilities Drainage and Permit Boundary Map", Map #3-44. The second map entitled "Grading and Drainage Plan" (for the lower loadout area) is Map #01-C-002, revision 5. The company has indicated that Map #01-C-002 has not been physically incorporated into the approved plan to date.

Revision 5 (dated May 11, 1982) of Map #01-C-002 is different from the Preliminary Map #01-C-002, dated August 13, 1981, previously submitted in the MRP permit application. The revised map has not been approved by DOGM as indicated by Utah Fuel, but is representative of the current facilities.

A third map was received January 17, 1985 from Utah Fuel Company entitled "Mine Surface Facilities Plot Map", Figure #3-8. This map was provided to the Division to address inspection and enforcement concerns pursuant to the lack of a sufficiently detailed permit area boundary map for the main mine site and operational facilities area.

Revised text was provided by Utah Fuel Company (March 5, 1985) to replace pages 3-26, 3-27, 3-53 and 3-57 in the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP). The new text changes the future tense of the narrative to past or present tense in the discussion of facilities currently in place and makes new reference to Maps 3-8 and 3-44. A portion of this new text, page 3-26 dated January 7, 1985, is currently under separate review as a mine plan modification of the mine water discharge operation.

Changes to the disturbed surface acreage were made on page 3-57, dated February 27, 1985. The reduction in the total disturbed surface acreage from 75.7 to 46.32 acres resulted mainly from a reduction of 4.6 acres at the mine surface facilities area and 25.1 acres along the conveyor corridor. The reduction in surface acreage is a result of the construction and ultimate exclusion of the entire UDOT highway up Eccles Canyon. Utah Fuel Company has excluded the cutslopes above the section of highway along the mine facilities area, which were originally excavated and then revegetated in development of the mine pad prior to construction of the highway. The reduction in disturbed surface acreage along the conveyor corridor and the disturbed acreage which is bonded at the support facilites i.e., water tanks and three water well sites located along the UDOT highway, are not delineated on the maps submitted, but are apparently referenced in the disturbed acreage values presented on page 3-57 of the new text. Although an adjustment to the Skyline Mine reclamation bond had not been requested, DOGM cannot approve the reduced disturbed surface acreage proposed on page 3-57 without additional information. A final adjustment to the bonded disturbed surface acreage will be determined, more appropriately, upon review of the mine permit renewal in 1986.

Utah Fuel has indicated that they are currently undertaking the task of incorporating all of the approved permit revisions and modifications (since the original MRP approval) into a revised MRP. The operator expects to complete a good portion of this task by the fall of 1985. In the interim, these recent submittals have been provided to the Division to update and clarify the current status of the mining operations.

The maps and revised text referenced above are considered to be reflective of the current status of operations and will be used in the interim only as reference for permitting and enforcement purposes and will not be incorporated into the MRP at this time.

The Division appreciates your cooperation and assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

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