

July 9, 1986

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FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Biologist *ly*

RE: Site Visit and Test Plots, Utah Fuel Company, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005, Carbon County, Utah

On June 25, 1986 Sue Linner and Lynn Kunzler met with Keith Zobell of Skyline to discuss the status of current revegetation monitoring and success and the potential for establishing future test plots.

The steep slopes at the mine were initially in 1980 and portions were reseeded in 1981, 1982 and 1984. Monitoring of revegetation success has occurred every year (1981 - 1985) and shows that the top of the slope has vegetation established but the bulk has little or no vegetation. Since these slopes will be regraded to a lesser slope during final reclamation, bond release will not be sought and Skyline will request that monitoring for 1986 be suspended since it will not provide any additional useful data. In addition, Skyline will develop a testing program to determine what methods, mulches, species, etc. are most likely to succeed. It is anticipated that this program will be approved and implemented by fall.

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