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Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear Mr. Braxton:

RE: Request for Information Relative to Mine Related
Discharge Points Originally Identified in N88-15-3-2

Your 10-24-88 letter required Utah Fuel Company to advise the Division by 11-14-88 regarding specific plugging or permitting decisions. Several times during the week of November 14th we tried unsuccessfully to telephone you and discuss this issue with you. On Friday, November 18th, we were able to telephone you and reach an approach to responding to your 10-24-88 letter. We agreed to handle the items in your 10-24-88 letter as follows:

DOG M Item 1. Maps of adequate scale depicting all water conveyance, treatment, storage, and discharge facilities located in the permit area. Specifically of interest are all unidentified discharge lines that have outfalls located within the 72 inch undisturbed bypass culvert for Eccles Creek. The maps must be certified as required by UMC 784.23(c).

UFCO Response: Map No. 4.4.2-1A has been changed by adding all known discharge lines with outfalls located in the 60 and 72 inch undisturbed bypass culvert. This map will be submitted with our December 1st submittal. The exact location of these pipes were not surveyed during construction and therefore cannot be certified. We have labeled them as "Approximate Location."

DOG M Item 2. Please amend the M&RP to identify the source of all discharge lines and the type of operation and/or activities that relate to the lines or potential discharges.

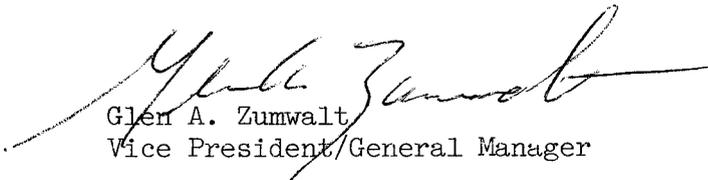
UFCO Response: Page 3-25 of the M&RP renewal has been changed to identify these discharge pipes as French drains which drain subsurface undisturbed drainage into the undisturbed drainage system. This page will be sent to DOGM in our December 1st submittal.

DOGM Item 3. Utah Fuel Company must obtain appropriate approvals and/or permits for each discharge point or cap or plug all unpermitted discharge points, to include, at a minimum, those lines identified in the Division inspection of October 3, 1988.

UFCO Response: In reviewing the purpose of the pipes in question with construction personnel, it was found that they were installed as French drains to drain high moisture areas to facilitate construction. Since they are undisturbed drainage and being drained into the undisturbed drainage system, a permit is not required. We do not intend to cap or plug these drains as they are serving a beneficial purpose. If they were to be capped or plugged we may force the water to the surface or perhaps to an undesirable discharge point.

If you need further information, please contact us.

Sincerely,



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