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Mr. Lowell Braxton
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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RE: South Fork Breakout, Utah Fuel Company, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005-88G,
Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Lowell:

We received a copy of the preliminary plans for the subject PAP Amendment on June 13, 1988. On June 15, an on-the-ground meeting was held at the proposed breakout site to discuss the company's plans. Coastal States Energy Co., the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, the Division of Wildlife Resources and the Forest Service were represented.

Several alternatives to the breakout location and access road were discussed and it was decided that Coastal States Energy Co. would do some additional data collection and would resubmit the proposal with potential revisions and several additions. Additional items that will be required for the revised plans were discussed. These items include a cultural resources clearance, cross-sections of the pad area and stream, profile of the stream gradient, reclamation plan, topsoil and overburden storage and handling, pad drainage and a water monitoring plan.

At the meeting, we stated that the Manti-LaSal National Forest will need to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) which will evaluate the proposal. The EA and Forest Service Decision Document will be sent to the Division as documentation of the Forest Service consent decision and required mitigation measures. Work on the EA cannot begin until the project plans are revised and complete. Once the plans are complete, we anticipate approximately 45 days for completion of the EA and Decision Document. Walt Nowak, Price Ranger District, will be the team leader regarding preparation of the EA.

If you have any questions, Please contact the Forest Supervisor's Office or the Price Ranger District Office in Price, Utah. We will be watching for our official copy of the revised plans to be forwarded from your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. A. Morris".

for
GEORGE A. MORRIS
Forest Supervisor