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Mr. Harold Thompson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Water Management Division (8WM-C)
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

In accordance with the conditions of NPDES Discharge Permit UT-0023540, Part II - A-2 and Utah Mining Code Section 817.52(b)(i)(ii), Utah Fuel Company is herewith providing the required written notification of a failure to comply with the maximum effluent limitation for total dissolved solids at the 001 discharge point.

The problem occurred with the sample taken May 4, 1988 which had a TDS concentration of 759 mg/l. The TDS limitation for this discharge is 700 mg/l. This is the ninth time that this discharge has exceeded the TDS limitation. The previous problems occurred with samples taken August 20, 1987, November 6, 1987, November 18, 1987, December 2, 1987, January 13, 1988, January 29, 1988, March 23, 1988, and April 27, 1988.

The cause of the high TDS concentration is still being investigated. Fluctuations in water quality are routinely experienced and are a normal part of the mining process. Based on this understanding, an increase in the TDS limitation has been requested to cover these excursions. Action on this request is pending.

Sincerely,

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