0035

Skyline #7 007/005
cc S. Linney UB

Coastal States Energy Company
a subsidiary of The Coastal Corporation
175 E. 400 S. • #3 • Suite 800 • Salt Lake City, UT 84111

May 16, 1989

RECEIVED
MAY 17 1989
DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. Harold Thompson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Water Management Division (8WM-C)
1 Denver Place, Suite 500
999 - 18th Street
Denver, Colorado 80202-2413

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 April 18, 1989 which had a TDS concentration of 710 mg/l. The TDS limitation for this discharge is 700 mg/l. Previous TDS problems have 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, April 27, 1988, May 4, 1988, June 28, 1988, September 19, 1988, November 18, 1988, December 6, 1988, January 12, 1989, January 25, 1989, February 8, 1989, February 27, 1989, March 14, 1989, March 21, 1989 and April 5, 1989.

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 EPA approval.

Sincerely,

Keith W. Welch

Keith W. Welch
Environmental Coordinator

KWW/ak/2400A

xc: Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
Division of Environmental Health
Glen A. Zumwalt