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Mr. Harold Thompson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Water Management Division (8WM-C)
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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

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 January 25, 1989 which had a TDS concentration of 844 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, and January 12, 1989.

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,

Keith W. Welch
Environmental Coordinator

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