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Dear Mr. Zumwalt:

RE: Deficiencies, Five Year Permit Renewal, Utah Fuel Company,  
Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of February 1, 1989, I am enclosing the Division's February 1, 1989 Review Document for the Skyline Mine Five Year Permit Renewal. This is based on the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) as updated by Utah Fuel Company on December 1, 1988 and January 12, 1989. The length of this document, notwithstanding, I believe you will see that many of the comments are editorial in nature or deal with specific details of technical design: significant improvements have been achieved with respect to both completeness and technical adequacy issues.

Many of the Division's comments in the attached focus on engineering and hydrology detail attendant to final reclamation of the Skyline site. Our telephone conversation discussed a technical work session between our staffs, specifically Randy Harden, Rick Summers, Keith Zobell and Gary Taylor, to resolve these technical detail issues. We also discussed participation by one or two U.S. Forest Service technical personnel to further the resolution of these types of issues. I have enclosed a copy of the U.S. Forest Service letter to the Division dated January 27, 1989 that discusses operational and final reclamation issues that would require resolution prior to permit issuance by the Division. We committed Tuesday, February 21, through Friday, February 24, to technical meetings at Skyline. Resolution of the technical issues will allow further resolution of reclamation planning and land use issues, etc. You may consider advising your staff to review the enclosed document with that type of sequential perspective.

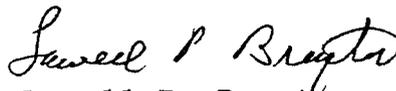
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In the interest of expediting the review process you might wish to delineate issues in the enclosed review document that do not have a bearing on the hydrologic and engineering issues to be discussed during the week of February 20 and proceed to directly address these.

In the event that immediate technical resolution of issues delineated by the Division or the U.S. Forest Service is not possible, I would encourage early identification of these so that we can resolve them separate from the technical discussions of February 21. 1989

Optimistically I believe that the referenced technical meetings coupled with a critical edit should refine the MRP sufficient to allow publication. After our respective staffs have met, we should agree to a revised permit renewal schedule that will result in a re-issued permit with minimum attendant stipulations.

Sincerely,



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