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March 13, 1990

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 limitations for total dissolved solids and oil and grease at the 001 discharge point.

The problem occurred with the sample taken February 27, 1990, which had a TDS concentration of 928 mg/l. This is the 28th time that this discharge has experienced an excursion above the 700 mg/l limitation beginning in August of 1987.

The oil and grease concentration measured 27 mg/l which exceeds the 10 mg/l limitation. The source of the problem is not known at this time but is being investigated. The sample, however, was taken during a period of heavy surface runoff which may have been contributory.

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,

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