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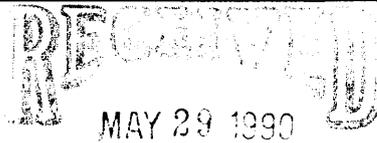
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Lowell Braxton  
State of Utah Natural Resources  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

RE: Permit Amendment, Coal Stacking Tube, Utah Fuel Company, Skyline Mine,  
ACT/007/005-90A, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed the permit amendment for the proposed stacking tube at the Skyline Mine. Our comments are as follows:

1. The coal depth over the 48 inch culvert must not exceed 112 feet to maintain the required safety factor and prevent crushing of the Middle Fork culvert. Drawing 3.2.3-1 shows a dozer distributing coal at an elevation above the total height of the stacking tube. Utah Fuel Company must revise the amendment to limit coal stacking to less than 112 feet. The drainage must be maintained and functional at all times.

We intend to avoid continued use of the South Stockpile which is for emergency use only, when the stacking tube or conveyor is not functioning. We would like to make it clear that we do not consider labor strikes, increases in shipping and storage needs, or crushing of the culvert due to overstacking of coal to be emergency situations warranting use of the South Stockpile area.

2. The geotechnical report (Section 5.8, page 5-11) recommends that the culvert inlet for the Middle Fork be inspected before and after spring runoff and subsequent runoff events to make sure that it is properly maintained and functioning. This needs to be added into the permit amendment as an inspection and maintenance provision.
3. Topsoil should be salvaged from the canyon slopes to be shot-creted and buried beneath the flanks of the coal pile.

4. Utah Fuel Company must be required to obtain the necessary clearance and permits from the Utah Department of Health in regard to dust emissions and air quality.

If you have any questions, please contact the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price, Utah.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George A. Morris".

for

GEORGE A. MORRIS  
Forest Supervisor