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

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Dear Lowell:

We reviewed Utah Fuel Company's letter, dated October 15, 1990, addressing Forest Service concerns in regard to construction of the culvert inlet structure and stacking of coal on the culvert.

Our concerns have been adequately addressed and we consent to installation, as outlined in the letter. This letter also documents our consent for construction of this facility.

The Mining and Reclamation Plan Amendment needs to be updated to reflect these changes.

The approved amendment calls for protecting the canyon slopes in the Middle Fork drainage by installation of a shot-crete barrier with drains. Utah Fuel Company has informally proposed to delete this from the plan and protect the slopes through procedural efforts to not disturb them. We do require that the slopes be protected by some physical barrier. If Utah Fuel Company wants to propose some other type of barrier, a proposal needs to be submitted for review.

Since this mine lies adjacent to a Forest Highway/Scenic Byway, every effort must be made to enhance visual quality. Structures need to be painted to be consistent with the approved color scheme to ensure for visual compatibility

with the surrounding area. Once the structure is completed and the south stockpile eliminated, we will work with Utah Fuel Company to provide for a physical buffer and vegetative strip to separate the highway from the mine working area.

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

Sincerely,

  
for  
GEORGE A. MORRIS  
Forest Supervisor