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Mr. Glen Zumwalt, Manager
Utah Fuel Company
P. O. Box 719
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Dear Mr. Zumwalt:

Re: Final Approval, Coal Stacking Tube Amendment, Coastal States Energy Company, Skyline Mine, ACT/007/005-90A, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has completed review of all correspondence regarding the Coal Stacking Tube and Reclaim System Amendment. The submittals have been found to be complete and adequate by the Division's technical staff. The Forest Service and Division of Wildlife Resources' concerns have also been adequately addressed.

Final approval for the above-referenced amendment is hereby given. Inasmuch as this amendment required various fragmented submittals over a period of several months, the Division requests that you submit 10 copies of the amendment, in its entirety, for distribution to other agencies. Please submit the copies by December 3, 1990.

We have enclosed a copy of the Forest Service's consent letter. It discusses other issues which you may want to address, particularly the protection of canyon slopes and the use of approved color schemes. Your plan will need to be amended if shot-crete is not going to be used. If you have any questions please call Randy Harden or me.

Sincerely,

Daron Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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

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.

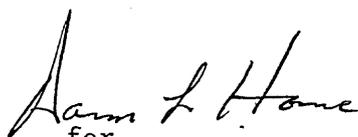
The approved amendment calls for protecting the canyon slopes in the Middle Fork drainage by installation of a shot-crete barrier with drains. Utah Fuel Company has informally proposed to delete this from the plan and protect the slopes through procedural efforts to not disturb them. We do require that 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