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May 18, 2000

Ms. Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
PO Box 145801
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RE: Abandonment of Equipment Underground, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
Skyline Mines, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Wright:

Skyline Mines will be completing the mining of longwall panel 16 left by June 15, 2000 (see attached figure). At the time of panel completion, Skyline is anticipating leaving approximately 28 Kloekner-Becorit shields in place. Twenty five of the shields will be left in the headgate portion of the panel while the remaining three will be left in the tailgate portion of the panel. The condition and age of these shields make them much more difficult to safely remove or recover than normal. As you are aware, some of the most dangerous work that occurs in a longwall mining operation is during the recovery of shields. Roof and face conditions can be unpredictable as support provided by the shields is removed. Skyline also anticipates potential adverse and unsafe roof conditions in the headgate due to a fault in the area.

Skyline will remove all hazardous materials from the shields before they are left in place. Emulsion will be removed from the shields and, as many as practical, hoses and electrical controls. The location of the shields will be illustrated on a plate included in Appendix E of the Annual Report.

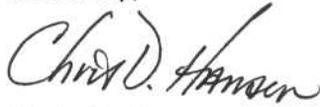
Since the shields are made of steel, much like the rest of the roof support systems throughout the mine, and represent a very small fraction of the total roof support that will remain in the mine after mining is complete, we anticipate there will be no additional or significant effect on the quality of the groundwater within the mine. Additionally, hazardous materials, emulsion, and control equipment will be removed. Therefore, no modification is needed to the Probable Hydrologic Consequences (PHC) portion of the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Shields in 16 Left
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If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call me at (435) 488-2669.

Sincerely,

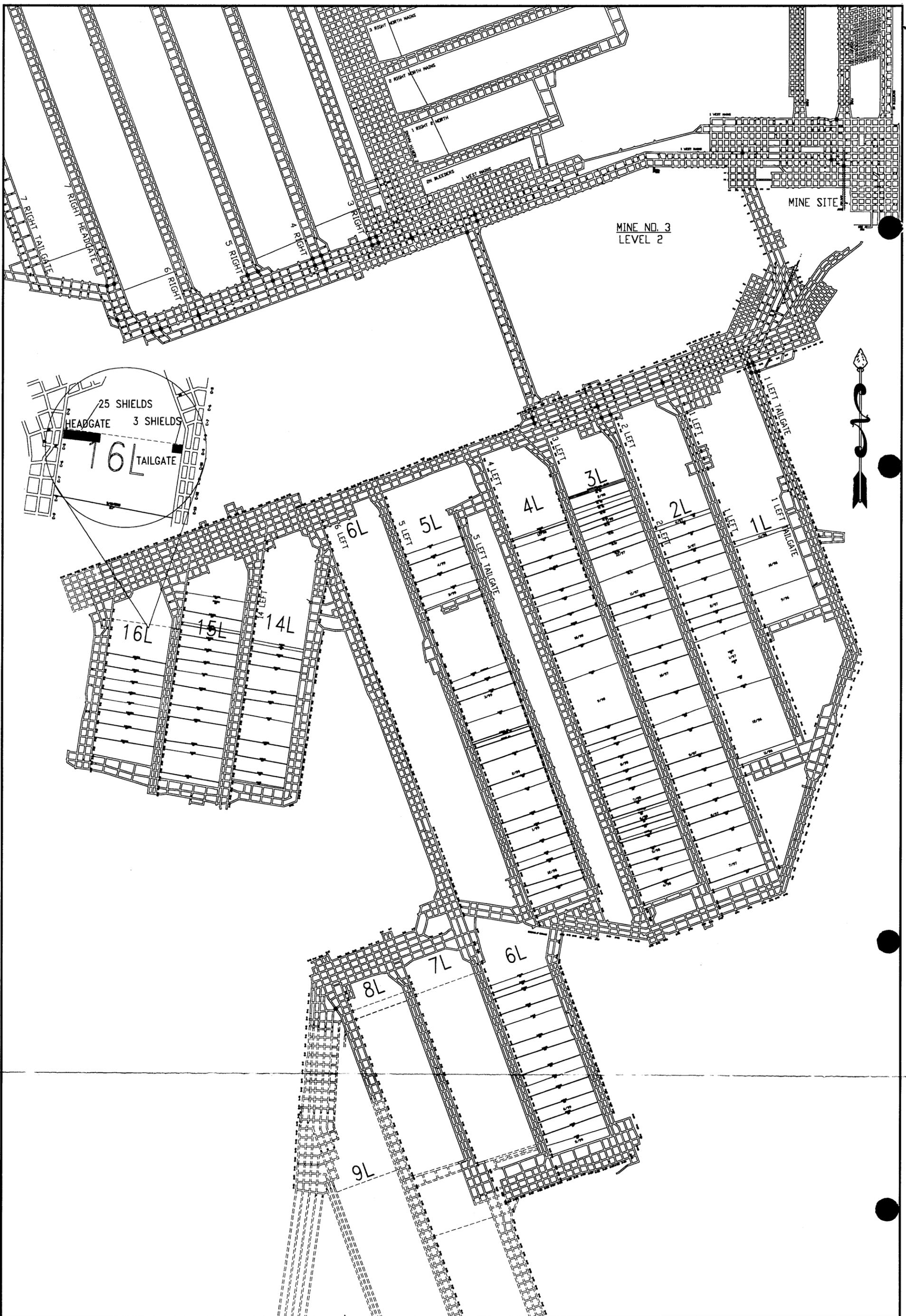


Chris D. Hansen
Environmental Coordinator
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

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cc: George Tetreault, BLM Price, Utah
Doug Johnson, Skyline

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SHIELD LOCATION
16LEFT MINE 3 LEVEL 2

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