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31 May 2000

Mr. Don Ostler, Director
Division of Water Quality
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State of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870

Re: UPDES Permit UT-0023540

Dear Mr. Ostler:

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mines is providing the required written notification of a failure to comply with the seven-day average limitation for total suspended solids according to UPDES Discharge Permit UT-0023540, Part II, Section D, Subpart 1 and Utah Coal Mining Rules R645-301-731.223. The failure occurred at discharge point 001.

The problem occurred with the sample taken 9 May 2000, which had a seven-day average total suspended solids concentration of 36 mg/l which exceeds the maximum seven-day average of 35 mg/l. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine regrets that this incident occurred. An investigation was conducted to determine what caused the problem. The conclusion reached was the discharge from the mine increased thus agitating the fines previously deposited in the sediment pond at the discharge pipe outlet and increasing the suspended solids concentration. Company personnel are monitoring the mine discharge to ensure the flows are below permit limits to prevent this problem from occurring again.

The laboratory report was received on 25 May 2000.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Environmental Engineer
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

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