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

Re: UPDES Permit UT-0023540

Dear Mr. Ostler:

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine is providing the required written notification of a failure to comply with daily maximum iron limitation according to UPDES Discharge Permit UT-0023540, Part II, Section D, Subpart 1 and Utah Mining Rules R645-301-731.223. The failure occurred at discharge point 001.

The high iron occurred in two samples, one taken on 22 August 2000, and the other taken on 2 September 2000. The daily maximum iron amounts were 2.4 mg/l and 3.1 mg/l respective. The maximum daily amount of iron allowed in our permit is 2 mg/l. The water we are pumping is from old workings in the mine. We suspect the water was stratified and the water first drawn off was at the base of the stratified water column and was high in dissolved iron. Not only are we currently pumping new mine water into the old workings, the circulation of new mine water with the stratified water interrupted stratification of the water column. We assume the new water oxygenated the old water to the point where iron hydroxide is precipitating out of the water behind the mine old working seals. The water sample taken on 8 September 2000, has a total iron of 2 mg/l, which equals the maximum limit on the UPDES permit. We assume this down treated of iron concentration will continue.

The laboratory report was received on 18 September 2000.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Taylor

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