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22 August 2002

Mr. Mike Herkimer  
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Dear Mr. Herkimer:

Enclosed are the July 2002, Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR's), for Skyline Mines facility, permit number UT-0023540. The outflow from point 001 had an exceedance for the month and a notification letter was sent on 22 August 2002. Discharge points 002 and 003 had no outflow.

A brief explanation is required for the oil and grease exceedence. CTE reported to the mine an oil and grease concentration of 22 mg/L for the July 2, 2002 UPDES sample. The mine contacted the lab and asked them to rerun the sample since this concentration was very unusual and the mine did not have any indication of spills. The laboratory informed the mine they did not have enough sample left to rerun the test and correct the error. Apparently, the lab personnel responsible for the test were not allowing the filter paper used as part of the test to dry completely, thus giving erroneously high readings. Mine personnel expended a great deal of time to determine if there was any sources of oil and grease entering the discharge water and found none. The lab sheet, with a note stating the oil and grease sample analysis is in error, is enclosed with this letter. Oil and grease was not detected at or above 2 mg/l in the samples taken for the remainder of the month.

The second quarter chronic toxicity test for Ceriodaphnia was rerun and the test was passed.

Sincerely,

*Gary E. Taylor*

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 Sr. Environmental Engineer  
 Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

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