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Re: Request for Assistance, Skyline Mine, Canyon Fuel Company, C007/005, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Fulton:

The Division has been reviewing an updated Probable Hydrologic Consequences (PHC) at the Skyline Mine operated by the Canyon Fuel Company, LLC. You may be aware that this mine has recently encountered a large inflow of water and they have been struggling with keeping the water pumped out of the mine. As part of the review process we have asked Canyon Fuel Company to amend their mine plan by providing some additional information, which should help us better evaluate the PHC.

Since some of the information that was requested deals with Alluvial Valley Floors (AVF), the Company has been looking for some of the historic information that was collected in the earlier days of mining in this area. OSM was heavily involved in much of the early permitting work in this area and completed a Technical Analysis on the Belina Mines Complex in 1984. A copy of the AVF section is enclosed for your information. Canyon Fuel Company has asked the following, "Since the methods of irrigation were observed by OSM personnel and the determination of AVF were made by OSM personnel we would appreciate a copy of their field investigation report and the credentials of the person or persons making these determination in order to comply with the requirements of R645-301-130". See letter with response from Chris Hansen, enclosed.

We have been unable to locate any of this information in our OGM Public Information Center files. If you could provide this information to us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please call if you have any questions (801) 538-5306.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director, Mining

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