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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Re: Emulsion Spill 12/17/89, UPDES Permit #UT-0022942, 002A Outfall

SRS representative, Karl Houskeeper, while on weekend duty, noticed a cloudy discharge coming from the Whitmore Canyon Pond 002A Discharge. Following is a list of times and events concerning this situation:

- 8:15 a.m. Noticed pond was cloudy.
- 8:20 a.m. Contacted Bill Balaz, Mine Manager.
- 8:25 a.m. Contaced Nick Martinez, Mine Superintendent.
- 8:35 a.m. Valve out of emulsion mixing tank was shut.
- 8:40 a.m. Relayed additional information to Nick Martinez. Nick contacted Rex Alger to patrol mine and emulsion line to look for a break.
- 8:45 a.m. Contacted Mel Stevenson, Surface Laborer, to divert flow from entering the SSFS Pond 014 Discharge.
- 9:50 a.m. Mine water diverted from entering Whitmore Pond 002A Discharge.
- 10:16 a.m. Water sample pulled at 002A. Lab analysis showed O&G level at 76.9.
- 12:00 p.m. Report from Rex Alger underground -- sumps appeared to be clear and emulsion line intact to manshaft (a vertical shaft approximately 1,172-foot depth from surface.
- 3:00 p.m. Notified EPA 24-Hour Hot Line; talked to Mike Holmes.
- 3:09 p.m. Notified DOGM Inspector, Bill Malencik at home.

The Whitmore mine ventilation fan showed restriction from ice. The mine water was reactivated to flush the ventilation shaft. A flocculant station that was already established was put into service. SRS has recently constructed another mine water pond in Whitmore Canyon adjacent

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to the 002A Pond. The discharge number of the new pond is 002B. SRS had approval on the new pond from Environmental Health's Bureau of Water Pollution Control and from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining; therefore, the water was diverted to the new pond.

Sample results from 12/18/89 on the inline pipe entering the 002B Pond showed the O&G level at 3.2. Retention water still flowing from the 002A Discharge was also sampled on 12/18/89 and showed the O&G level at 40.3. O&G samples were pulled by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining and the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at the 002A Discharge on 12/18/89; however, that information is not available at this time.

Mike Herkimer with the Bureau of Water Pollution Control was notified on 12/18/89 at 9:45 a.m.

Wildlife Resources were at the mine site on 12/18/89 and observed the Grassy Trail Creek. They are in the process of surveying the stream and compiling their report.

It appears at this point that the problem was short-lived and contained as best as possible in the 002A Mine Water Pond except for whatever flow left the pond up to the point that the mine water was shut down and whatever retention water that left the pond until it came below the flow level of the 002A Discharge pipe.

The emulsion line located in the 1,172-foot vertical manshaft was inspected on 12/18/89. A separated joint was found approximately 100 feet down from the surface. The separated joint was repaired.

As more information becomes available, it will be formalized and reported. Please let this letter serve as a written report within five days of the event to comply with our UPDES Permit UT-0022942.

If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Karl R. Houskeeper
Environmental Coordinator

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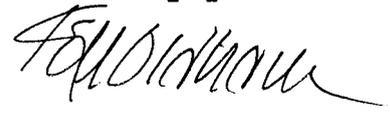
Re: Subordination Agreement dated August 28, 1989 between
DOGM and SRS; Reclamation Surety
Sunnyside Mine, Carbon County, Utah
ACT/007/007

Dear Dianne:

So that your records will be current, I thought it appropriate to inform DOGM that SRS has entered into an agreement to sell the Thyssen longwall shields and certain related equipment located in the Sunnyside Mine.

SRS has determined that the equipment, which is described in detail on the attached page, is surplus and should, therefore, be disposed of.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure
cc: Barbara W. Roberts, Esq.
James T. Cooper

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.	111	Thyssen longwall shields complete including valves and hoses.
2.	4	Thyssen longwall shields same as above except located on the surface including valves and hoses.
3.	lot	All spare parts at Sunnyside for above equipment.
4.	1	Eickhoff shearing machine.
5.	lot	H&B armored face conveyor EKF-3 including head and tail drives, side discharge.
6.	lot	H&B stage loader including drive.
7.	lot	Longwall face lighting system.
8.	lot	Longwall face communications system.
9.	lot	Longwall electrical system including all controls, electrical cables, control station, electrical boxes.
10.	2	Halinco longwall fluid pumps including controls, surge tank, relief and pressure valves, etc.
11.	1	1000 KVA underground mine power center, #M1000-PC, Serial No. 6687.
12.	1	Pneumatic tugger for pulling electrical cables.
13.	1	Longwall methane monitoring system complete.
14.	1	Coal Crusher