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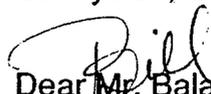
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November 30, 1989

Mr. William P. Balaz
General Mine Manager
Sunnyside Reclamation & Salvage, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Balaz:

Re: Mitigation of Damages to Grassy Trail Creek, Sunnyside Mine, ACT/007/007, Carbon County, Utah

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has met with representatives of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control and the Division of Wildlife Resources to discuss mitigation of damages to Grassy Trail Creek. Based on information collected by SR&S and others, all three agencies concur that remedial vacuuming of Grassy Trail Creek should not be undertaken.

Data presented by SR&S support discontinuing the twice weekly monitoring of Whitmore Pond #1, and a return to the former sampling frequency. The Division hereby grants approval to return to this frequency.

When construction of Whitmore Pond #2 is completed and placed in service, monitoring of pond effluent must occur weekly for baseline parameters as an added stipulation to the approved permit. Following acquisition of an adequate suite of baseline data, SR&S may request a permit change to reduce sampling requirements.

The Bureau of Water Pollution Control discussed an interest in additional monitoring of Grassy Trail Creek. They may choose to require this monitoring, and will discuss their interests directly with SR&S. In a similar vein, the Division of Wildlife Resources is interested in observing the natural rehabilitation of Grassy Trail Creek, and is proposing to dedicate staff time to this effort. Future meetings between DOGM, SR&S and these respective agencies may be beneficial to share information derived from these sampling/monitoring programs.

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In closing, let me express my appreciation for SR&S's efforts to work with the Division, Water Pollution Control, and Wildlife Resources to mitigate damage to Grassy Trail Creek.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dianne R. Nielson
Director

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