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Mr. Timothy H. Provan, Director
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1596 West North Temple
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Dear Mr. Provan:

Re: Hydraulic Fluid Spill, Grassy Trail Creek, Kaiser Coal Company,
Sunnyside Mines, ACT/007/007, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

This letter is to formally inform you that a hydraulic fluid spill occurred at Sunnyside Mines on March 25, 1989. The fluid entered the underground sump system and subsequently, was pumped to the pond located in Pole Canyon and discharged to Grassy Trail Creek. Approximately 70 rainbow trout and two brown trout expired due to fluid in the creek.

Wildlife Resources fisheries staff were at the mine site to inspect the impact of the spill on Grassy Trail Creek on March 28, 1989. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) for the spill on March 29, 1989. The abatement action for the NOV incorporates requirements for habitat restoration, fish restocking, and water sampling.

Mr. Larry Dalton of your staff has offered to conduct a survey for habitat restoration and develop a plan for trout restocking.

If you have any questions regarding this spill or subsequent regulatory action, please feel free to call me at 538-5340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lowell P. Braxton".

Lowell P. Braxton
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