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Mr. Robert Hagen, Director
Office of Surface Mining
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Dear Mr. Hagen:

Re: Permitting of the Coarse Refuse Pile at the Sunnyside Mine by Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates, Sunnyside Mine, Sunnyside Coal Company, ACT/007/007, Folder #2, Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates, PRO/007/035, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Enclosed please find the permit application package for the Coarse Refuse Pile as submitted by Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates. The coarse refuse pile will be the feed for the cogeneration plant adjacent to the Sunnyside Mine permit area. Originally, this permitting action was being pursued as a permit transfer. However, it was later determined that a new permit for this site would be needed. The applicant was notified that a new permit would be needed, and that this application would be the basis for the review. An administrative completeness review is now being conducted by the Division.

This permit will be a stand alone permit application package for that area. Upon permit approval, the operation and reclamation liability for the refuse pile will be transferred to Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates. Activities conducted by Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates will not differ materially from those conducted by Sunnyside Coal Company at the Sunnyside Mine with the exception of the consumption of the coarse refuse as feed for the cogeneration plant, and resultant reclamation of the coarse refuse pile with a lower volume. Permitting requirements and environmental performance standards for the coarse refuse pile as operated by Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates will be identical to those under which the Sunnyside Mine is currently being regulated.

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The Division proposes to regulate only the coarse refuse pile and attendant portions of the cogeneration facility. The balance of the facility is considered "end use', not subject to regulation under the Coal Regulatory Program.

Please review this permit application package submitted by Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates for the coarse refuse pile at the Sunnyside Mine, and forward comments and/or concurrences to the Division by October 23, 1992.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

Enclosure
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