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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

As required by the EPA Regulation, "Preparation of Environmental Impact Statements for New Source NPDES Permits" (40 CFR 6.900), an environmental review has been performed on the proposed EPA action below:

- Applicant: Sunoco Energy Development Company
- Location: Carbon County, Utah
- EPA Action: Issuance of a New Source NPDES water discharge permit
- Application No: UT-0024031

Sunoco Energy Development Company has proposed to construct and operate four underground coal mines in Carbon County, Utah. The anticipated production of coal at full capacity is 5,220,000 tons per year. The mines will employ approximately 1,800 people.

Facilities proposed to be developed include:

- . four independent underground mines with portal
- . office and warehouse facilities
- . conveyors
- . coal preparation plant
- . waste rock disposal areas
- . raw coal storage areas
- . diversion structures
- . sediment ponds
- . roads
- . loadout facility

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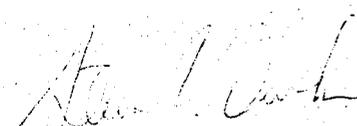
Approximately 446 acres of land will be disturbed by construction and operation of the facility. Some wildlife and vegetation habitats will be destroyed. Local topography will be permanently altered. Emissions and water discharges will meet New Source Performance Standards determined for this industrial category.

The review process indicated that no significant environmental impacts are expected from the proposed facilities. A site-specific analysis of this project (then called the Sage Point-Dugout Canyon Project) was contained in a final environmental impact statement, Development of Coal Resources in Central Utah, prepared under the leadership of the U.S. Geological Survey in 1979.

The decision has been made on the basis of a careful review of the environmental information and other supporting data which are on file in the office listed below and are available for public scrutiny upon request. This Agency will not take any administrative action on the project for at least 30 days from the above date.

Written comments on this decision may be submitted for consideration by EPA. Comments should be addressed to:

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