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October 2, 1980

Mr. Michael Meenan
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RE: U. S. Fuel Company
Hiawatha Complex
ACT/007/011
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Meenan:

In response to your letter dated September 23, 1980, regarding areas designated unsuitable for mining; to date, this office has received no determination, application or petition of unsuitability for mining at or near U. S. Fuel Company's Hiawatha Complex in Carbon County, Utah.

Should such a condition arise in the future, U. S. Fuel Company shall promptly be notified.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND DEVELOPMENT

cc: Bob Eccli, U. S. Fuel Company

JWS/btm

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Dear Sir:

John T. Boyd Company is a consulting engineering firm for the coal industry. United State Fuel Company, our client, has requested us to assemble their compliance permit. Your office has advised me to comply with the Final Rules Coal Mining and Reclamation, Permanent Program.

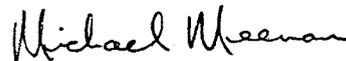
This letter is in regards to UMC 782.16(a), Relationship to Areas Designated Unsuitable for Mining;

- (a) Each application shall contain a statement of available information on whether the proposed permit area is within an area designated unsuitable for surface effects of underground coal mining activities under 30 CFR 764 and 765 and UMC 764 and 765, study for designation in an administrative proceeding initiated or under those Parts.

I am requesting a response from your office as to whether any determination, application, or petition of unsuitability criteria has been filed for United States Fuel Company's existing coal mining operations at or near Hiawatha, Utah.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Michael Meenan
Environmental Engineer

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United States Fuel Company