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# UNITED STATES FUEL COMPANY

HIAWATHA, UTAH 84527

July 16, 1985

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**JUL 18 1985**

RE: NOV 84-4-8-8, 1 of 8 Stream Channel Diversion

**DIVISION OF OIL  
GAS & MINING**

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

United States Fuel Company has reviewed your July 11, 1985 letter requesting additional revegetation work to be performed on the south facing slope above the stream diversion below Slurry Pond #1. Although we feel this slope is adequately vegetated and does not manifest massive active erosional problems, we concur with the Division in that a flatter slope would aid revegetation work.

As we will need dirt backfill for the construction of our proposed unit train loadout, this embankment would provide such a resource. Borrowing from this site would work toward achieving a more stable and diversely revegetated slope.

We don't feel the cost of an extensive reseeding program prior to final regrading of that slope could be justified based on what minimal additional cover would appear prior to disturbing the slope. Seeding, mulching and planting of seedlings would take place following the borrowing and final regrading.

Also, we do not find the reseeding to be a requirement for the abatement of N84-4-8-8, 1 of 8 as the violation was issued for failure to comply with conditions of the permit, requirements of the Act and regulatory program. We had, in fact, complied with the Division's requirements and had seeded the diversion upon it's completion in May of 1979. We question whether additional reclamation

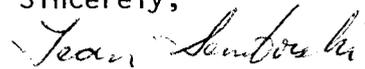


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efforts will be that much more successful on that side and slope.  
Both sides had originally been seeded in the same manner at the  
same time.

We are proposing the preceeding plan to minimize reclamation  
difficulties as well as providing the backfill material that we will  
be seeking in the future.

Sincerely,



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Engineer

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