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TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
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RE: Hiawatha Complex, U. S. Fuel Company, ACT/007/011,
Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned mine site on February 26, 1985, by Barton Kale of the Division. The inspector was accompanied by Bob Eccli of U. S. Fuel Company.

Middle Fork Drainage

During this inspection it was noted that most of the snow has already melted from the north side of the canyon. Snow on the south side was still quite deep. At the time of the inspection no runoff was noted. Runoff from the north side of the pad runs down a ditch to the culvert opposite the sediment pond. This culvert has received recent heavy runoff and debris has accumulated at the culvert entrance. The operator was informed that if the culverts were observed blocked at any time upon future inspection NOV's would be issued for lack of maintenance.

The inlet to the sediment pond was functioning but the inspector requested that the operator clean the inlet to provide a less obstructed flow into the pond.

South Fork Canyon

Upon arrival at the South Fork Canyon area the loadout area was inspected. Snow was melting off the loadout pad, running down the middle of the road and flowing past any of three different opportunities to enter culverts leading to the sediment pond. This area was the site of a previous violation by Dave Lof, Mining Field Specialist for the state of Utah. The solution to this problem was to construct a slotted drain across the access road such that all runoff running down the road would enter the drain. The operator asked for an approval to delay this work till the late spring. The current inspector took the position that delays did not remove responsibility for the performance standards at this site. Throughout the winter the operator was informed that they would have to take extra care in snow removal and placement so that they would remain in compliance. During this inspection (first visit this year of a significant runoff) water was noted leaving the pad and bypassing the sediment pond culverts. As a result NOV 85-6-2-1 was issued and reads as follows:

Nature of the Violation

Failure to pass disturbed area runoff through a treatment facility or sediment pond before leaving disturbed area.

Failure to maintain sediment control measures to prevent additional contributions of sediments outside the permit area.

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Provision of the Regulations Violated

UMC 817.42 (a)(1)
UMC 817.45 (i)

Portion of the Operation to Which Notice Applies

South Fork loadout exit site of future slotted drain.

Remedial Action Required.

Maintain snow removal so that melting runoff enters the existing ditches to the sediment pond. Maintain ditches as well

Time for Abatement

One week, March 5, 1985

Another area of concern was runoff from the main pad area running down the north side of the road. When the water gets to the conveyor it is supposed to run into a ditch on the north side of the conveyor and then into culvert and then into the sediment pond. During the inspection it was difficult to tell if the conveyor supports were interfering with the flow of runoff into the proper ditch. The inspector requested that the ditch be more clearly defined and stated that if any runoff were note bypassing the ditch a violation would be issued.

A follow-up inspection was conducted on March 1, 1985 to view the above mentioned areas of concern.

The site of the NOV had been addressed adequately. Snow had been plowed off the road to berms on the side and entry into the runoff ditches had been cleaned. Runoff running along the berms would enter the proper ditches. NOV N85-6-2-1 was then terminated.

The ditches needing maintenance in both the Middle Fork and the South Fork canyons were inspected and it was found that both area had received maintenance and were in better shape than than the previous inspection. These areas will be watched closely during future inspections.

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Statistics: See Sunedco memo dated March 6, 1985
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