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Dear Wayne:

United States Fuel Company would like to request a reduction in the frequency of inspection for three of their sedimentation ponds that are currently being inspected weekly. These three ponds are located below the Middle Fork yard, below the South Fork yard and below the South Fork Loadout. These three ponds have been observed over a number of years and have never been found to discharge water or to be structurally unsound since final construction. They all have postconstruction certifications and have been found to be functionally adequate. In fact, the ponds have been constructed as designed or larger and seldom contain even half of their design capacity.

They are located at very visible locations at the mine site and are generally viewed at least once a day by myself or other persons familiar with the Division's regulations concerning sediment control structures. These ponds are relatively small structures and do not pose any hazard to any downstream structures or facilities. We do not see the need to continue our weekly inspections of these three ponds based on the above facts and the past 31 months of weekly inspections of these ponds.

We propose to monitor these ponds on the same schedule as is required for the other sediment ponds. We feel that if a significant amount of rain should occur or that other observations give reason to inspect the pond on a more frequent basis we will perform the inspections as necessary. As it is the operator's responsibility to see that the ponds comply with the regulations reqardless of how often they are inspected we do not see why the Division should not grant a quarterly inspection schedule for these ponds. We feel that the present regulations adequately cover the various aspects that the Division may be concerned about with regard to the sediment ponds.

We hope you will consider the basis for our request and grant us the quarterly inspection schedule for these three ponds as for our others.

Sincerely,

Jean Semborski

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Engineer

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