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September 15, 1987

Mr. Lanny Kirkwood
Utah Railroad Company
340 Hardscrabble Road
Helper, Utah 84526

RE: Mohrland Train Loadout

Dear Mr. Kirkwood:

An inspection of the Utah Railroad Company coal train loadout near Morhland, Utah on June 25, 1987 indicated it was a source for discharge of pollutants. Steven McNeal and Mike Herkimer of this office observed at least two areas south of the railroad tracks where surface drainage had carried coal and possibly oil from the site to the stream drainage. This month, we learned that this area is the responsibility of your company.

This letter is to inform the company that it is a violation of the Utah Water Pollution Control Act, Section 26-11-8 to place any wastes in a location where there is probable cause to believe they will cause pollution.

Therefore, we request that Utah Railroad Company immediately take the necessary measures to prevent the discharge of pollutants to the stream drainage. We also request that Utah Railroad Company inform this office in writing by October 5, 1987 of the measures taken to correct this problem, and to prevent future unauthorized discharges. If a wastewater pond is to be constructed, plans need to be approved by this office before construction begins.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may call Steven McNeal at 538-6146.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

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