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August 20, 1987

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Ms. Jean Semborski
U. S. Fuel Company
Hiawatha, Utah 84527

Dear Ms. Semborski:

Re: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N87-17-4-4
ACT/007/011, Folder #5, Carbon County, Utah

The undersigned has been appointed by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under UMC/SMC 845.11-845.17.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. This violation was issued by Division Inspector, Lynn Kunzler on August 4, 1987. Rule UMC/SMC 845.2 et seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this proposed assessment, you or your agent may file a written request for an assessment conference to review the proposed penalty. (Submit a request for a conference to Ms. Vicki Bailey, at the above address.)

IF A TIMELY REQUEST IS NOT MADE, THE PROPOSED PENALTY(IES) WILL BECOME FINAL, AND THE PENALTY(IES) WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Vicki Bailey.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Helfrich
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Assessment Officer

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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE U. S. Fuel/Hiawatha NOV # 87-17-4-4
 PERMIT # ACT/007/011 VIOLATION 1 OF 4
 ASSESSMENT DATE 8-20-87 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joseph C. Helfrich

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated,
which fall within 1 year of today's date?

ASSESSMENT DATE 8-20-87 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR DATE 8-20-86

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF. DATE	PTS	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF. DATE	PTS
<u>N86-9-2-2- #1</u>	<u>12-4-86</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N86-9-13-1</u>	<u>3-15-87</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>N86-9-12-1</u>	<u>3-4-87</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N87-9-2-1</u>	<u>4-25-87</u>	<u>1</u>

1 point for each past violation, up to one year
 5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year
 No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 4

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following applies. Based on the facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within which category the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the AO will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Hindrance

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? _____
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent? _____

PROBABILITY	RANGE
None	0
Insignificant	1-4
Unlikely	5-9
Likely	10-14
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

RANGE

Potential or Actual Damage 0-25*

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement? Actual

RANGE

Potential hindrance 1-12

Actual hindrance 13-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS 13

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS Inspector was hindered from evaluating on the ground compliance

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 13

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE;
OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE;
OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence 0
Negligence 1-15
Greater Degree of Fault 16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Negligence

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 5

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Inspector statement indicates lack of diligence with respect to reasonable maintenance of perimeter markers.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

- A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO -EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation
 Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
 (Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
 Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
 (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
 Normal Compliance 0
 (Operator complied within the abatement period required)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

- B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

Difficult Abatement Situation
 Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
 (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
 Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
 (Operator complied within the abatement period required)
 Extended Compliance 0
 (Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? _____ ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Good faith eligibility to be awarded upon termination of the violation

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR N87-17-4-4 #1 of 4

I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>4</u>
II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>13</u>
III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>5</u>
IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u> </u>
 TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	 <u>22</u>
 TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	 <u>\$ 240</u>

WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE U. S. Fuel/Hiawatha NOV # 87-17-4-4

PERMIT # ACT/007/011 VIOLATION 2 OF 4

ASSESSMENT DATE 8-20-87 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joseph C. Helfrich

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated, which fall within 1 year of today's date?

ASSESSMENT DATE	8-20-87	EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR DATE	8-20-86		
PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS
<u>N86-9-2-2 #1</u>	<u>12-4-86</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N86-9-13-1</u>	<u>3-15-87</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>N86-9-12-1</u>	<u>3-4-87</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N87-9-2-1</u>	<u>4-25-87</u>	<u>1</u>

1 point for each past violation, up to one year
5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year
No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 4

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following applies. Based on the facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within which category the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the AO will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Event

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Water pollution, erosion
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE
None	0
Insignificant	1-4
Unlikely	5-9
Likely	10-14
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Inspector statement indicates erosion and subsequent deposition of sediment and coal fines into the middle fork of Miller Creek.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

Potential or Actual Damage RANGE 0-25*

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 12

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Extent and duration of sediment loading to Miller Creek minimal.

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement?

RANGE

Potential hindrance 1-12

Actual hindrance 13-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B)

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE; OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE; OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence 0
Negligence 1-15
Greater Degree of Fault 16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Negligence

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 12

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Inspector statement indicates lack of diligence with respect to maintenance of culverts.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO -EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

- Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
- Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

Difficult Abatement Situation

- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
- Extended Compliance 0
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? easy ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS
To be evaluated upon termination of NOV.

V.	<u>ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR</u>	<u>N87-17-4-4 #2</u>
	I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>4</u>
	II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>32</u>
	III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>12</u>
	IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u> </u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>48</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	<u>\$ 920.</u>

WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
 UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE U. S. Fuel/Hiawatha NOV # 87-17-4-4
 PERMIT # ACT/007/011 VIOLATION 3 OF 4
 ASSESSMENT DATE 8-20-87 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joseph C. Helfrich

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated,
 which fall within 1 year of today's date?

ASSESSMENT DATE 8-20-87 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR DATE 8-20-86

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS
<u>N86-9-2-2 #1</u>	<u>12-4-86</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N86-9-13-1</u>	<u>3-15-87</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>N86-9-12-1</u>	<u>3-4-87</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N87-9-2-1</u>	<u>4-25-87</u>	<u>1</u>

1 point for each past violation, up to one year
 5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year
 No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 4

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following applies. Based on the facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within which category the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the AO will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Event

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

- What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Water Pollution
- What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE
None	0
Insignificant	1-4
Unlikely	5-9
Likely	10-14
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 10

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Improper construction of sediment pond inlet resulted in short-circuiting of sediment settling in the pond.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

Potential or Actual Damage RANGE 0-25*

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Event duration resulted from the same event as #2 of 4

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement?

RANGE

Potential hindrance 1-12
Actual hindrance 13-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation. ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B)

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE; OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE; OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence 0
Negligence 1-15
Greater Degree of Fault 16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Greater degree of fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 16

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Specific permit conditions enumerating detailed design requirements of the sediment ponds were not implemented as a result of the need to collect additional runoff, a modification to the permit was required prior to actual construction of the existing pond.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

- A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO -EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

- Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
- Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

- B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

Difficult Abatement Situation

- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
- Extended Compliance 0
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? easy ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

To be evaluated upon termination of the violation.

V.	<u>ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR</u>	<u>N87-17-4-4 #3</u>
	I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>4</u>
	II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>10</u>
	III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>16</u>
	IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u> </u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>30</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	<u>\$ 400</u>

WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
 UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE U. S. Fuel/Hiawatha NOV # 87-17-4-4
 PERMIT # ACT/007/011 VIOLATION 4 OF 4
 ASSESSMENT DATE 8-20-87 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joseph C. Helfrich

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated,
 which fall within 1 year of today's date?
 ASSESSMENT DATE 8-20-87 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR DATE 8-20-86

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF.DATE	PTS
<u>N86-9-2-2 #1</u>	<u>12-4-86</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N86-9-13-1</u>	<u>3-15-87</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>N86-9-12-1</u>	<u>3-4-87</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>N87-9-2-1</u>	<u>4-25-87</u>	<u>1</u>

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 5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year
 No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 4

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

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A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

- What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Water Pollution
- What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE
None	0
Insignificant	1-4
Unlikely	5-9
Likely	10-14
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Material placed in inlet was major contributor to the bypass of disturbed area drainage into Miller Creek.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

Potential or Actual Damage RANGE 0-25*

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Extent and duration resulted from #2 of 4

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement?

RANGE

Potential hindrance 1-12
Actual hindrance 13-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation. ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B)

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE; OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE; OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence 0
Negligence 1-15
Greater Degree of Fault 16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Negligence

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 12

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

Lack of diligence with respect to placement of material in sediment and inlet.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

- A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO -EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

- Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
- Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

- B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

Difficult Abatement Situation

- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
- Extended Compliance 0
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? easy ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

To be assigned upon termination of the violation.

V.	<u>ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR</u>	<u>N87-17-4-4</u>
	I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>04</u>
	II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>20</u>
	III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>12</u>
	IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u> </u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>36</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	<u>\$ 520.</u>