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March 29, 1988

Mr. Michael P. Watson
Manager, Technical Services
U. S. Fuel Company
Hiawatha, Utah 84527

Dear Mr. Watson:

Re: Approval of PAP Amendment, Minor Underground Mine Plan Modification - 12th West Panel, King No. 4 Mine, U. S. Fuel Company, Hiawatha Mining Complex, ACT/007/011-87D, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approved a minor underground mine plan modification at the King No. 4 Mine on December 17, 1987. U. S. Fuel Company proposed to modify pillar development and coal extraction in the area between the 12th West and the 15th West sections of the King No. 4 Mine. Pursuant to a verbal working agreement between the BLM and the Division, a copy of the approved plan was forwarded to this office by the BLM. Insufficient information was contained within the proposal to allow the Division to complete its technical evaluation. It became apparent that U. S. Fuel Company had made several amendments to their underground mine plan since the original permit was approved by the Division. Updated mine maps were needed to enable the Division to completely evaluate the underground modification regarding potential effects to reclamation feasibility. On February 4, 1988, the Division forwarded a letter to U. S. Fuel Company requesting additional information concerning these maps.

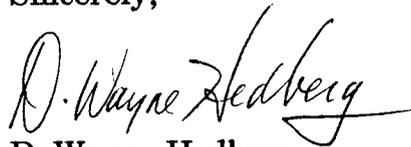
Several telephone conversations resulted between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U. S. Fuel Company, and the Division in response to our informational request. David Darby, Geologist for the Division, spoke with you regarding his technical concerns with the underground change. On February 14, 1988, Mr. Darby received several maps from you which were marked confidential. It was agreed upon by both parties (you and Mr. Darby), that the maps would be maintained as confidential and not be made part of the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) without U. S. Fuel Company's consent.

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The materials provided the necessary information to complete our evaluation. The Division hereby issues its final approval of this underground modification. We wish to extend our apologies for any confusion or misunderstanding which may have occurred as a result of our review. If a similar situation occurs in the future, regarding BLM approved underground mining plan modifications, the Division will initially request resolution of our concerns from the BLM.

We appreciate your cooperation and prompt response in completing this permitting action. Please call me, Susan Linner, or Dave Darby should you have questions or concerns regarding this approval.

Sincerely,



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