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Dear Ms. Semborski:

Re: Mid-Permit Term Review, Hiawatha Mines Complex, ACT/007/011,  
Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

The Hiawatha Mines Complex was granted a five-year permanent program mining permit on March 13, 1987. In accord with UMC 788.11, a Mid-Permit Term Review (MPTR) is now due. Attached is a flow chart outlining the steps and time frames for the MPTR process.

The Division has reviewed the permit, with conditions, and the current Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) on file, and determined that the MPTR will include the following: a requirement to submit a reorganized MRP; submittal of revised text and/or maps to bring the MRP into conformance with site conditions or current Division policy; and an on-site technical inspection.

The MRP requires reorganization and reformatting. In some cases original plans have been amended, but the text has not been superseded by new text and/or maps. Page numbers are not unique and many approved amendments have been placed as appendices, rather than replacing old plans.

U.S. Fuel will need to revise all chapters of the MRP to be current and concise, reflecting the plan as currently approved, as well as the on-the-ground conditions. It is suggested that technical studies and consultants reports be placed in an Appendix volume, and that they be referenced in the text of the MRP. All plans and designs should be incorporated into the text as appropriate. All pages and maps should be uniquely numbered and dated.

It is recognized that reorganization of the MRP is a major task which will take more time than that allotted for a Mid-Permit Term Review. The Division will require that a complete and updated MRP be in place by the date of application for permit renewal; that is by November 13, 1991. As part of the MPTR, the Division will require a written commitment and schedule to achieve this requirement.

Several areas have been noted at this time where site conditions do not conform to the MRP or the approved MRP does not conform to current Division policy. These must be addressed as part of the MPTR.

1. The operator must clearly address the status of all coal refuse or waste disposal sites, including slurry impoundments. All such structures should be addressed in one section of the MRP. Certification and inspection requirements should be addressed and accurate maps submitted.
2. Maps showing the boundaries of disturbed areas should be revised to reflect all areas of disturbance associated with the mine, including the powder magazine area, the new temporary crushing, screening and loading facility, the coal handling and storage area adjacent to the Utah Railway, and the South Fork water tank.
3. The overflow discharge from the South Fork water tank must be addressed and approval for the discharge received from State Health.
4. Rip rap design calculations must be submitted for the Middle Fork, South Fork and Upper Railroad diversions.

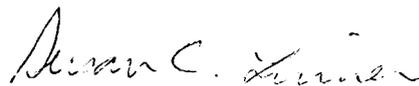
These updated plans and maps, along with the commitment to resubmittal of the MRP, should be submitted by July 14, 1989, so that the MPTR can be completed by September 13, 1989.

It is suggested that the technical site inspection be conducted on June 19, 1989 in conjunction with a meeting to discuss MRP reorganization.

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Please contact me or Lynn Kunzler if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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