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Mr. Robert Eccli, Mine Engineer
United States Fuel Company
P. O. Box A
Hiawatha, Utah 84527

Dear Mr. Eccli:

Re: Five Year Permit Renewal Deficiencies, U. S. Fuel Company, Hiawatha Mines Complex, ACT/007/011, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

This letter responds to questions you submitted in a letter dated March 25, 1992 with respect to permit boundaries. In that letter you indicate that coal rights in Sec.18, T.15 S., R. 8 E. were sold to Plateau Mining Company in 1985 and that you wish to remove that area from your permit area. This could be accomplished by an Incidental Boundary Change. You should submit the request for an IBC as an amendment to your MRP. You should provide documentation that Plateau has accepted responsibility for this area and that U. S. Fuel has not disturbed it. Revised pages of your MRP should be included which show correct boundary descriptions for both coal and surface. Acreage descriptions will need to be revised. Your maps should be edited to reflect the changes. Also the discrepancy found in Section 6, T. 16 S., R. 8 E. should also be corrected. Thirteen copies for distribution to other agencies will need to be submitted.

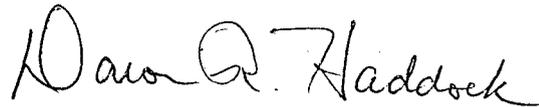
With regard to expanding your permit area to include areas of subsidence, the following information should be considered:

Areas of potential subsidence do not require permitting if you can demonstrate that there will be no potential for material damage to occur. If however, there is potential for material damage to occur the area must be within the permit boundary. In the case where you are adjacent to another permitted mine you may not need to permit the potential subsidence zone if the adjacent mine will accept responsibility for any subsidence within its permit area and vice versa. You may want to do this in Plateau's case, otherwise you may be required to have overlapping permit boundaries.

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I hope this has answered your questions satisfactorily. If you have further questions, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a distinct "R".

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

cc: R. Harden
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