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DIVISION OF
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Mr. Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Re: Request for Permit Change, U.S. Fuel Company, Hiawatha Mines Complex,
ACT/007/011

Dear Mr. Haddock:

United States Fuel Company requests a Permit Change approval to revise its Mining and Reclamation Plan as provided by R645-303-220.

We wish to utilize two substitute topsoil borrow sites not previously included in our Mining and Reclamation Plan. These sites are identified as borrow areas E and F on enclosed Exhibit II-4.

Field investigations and soil sample analyses have been conducted for both locations by Earthfax Engineering Inc. Results show the soils to have favorable qualities for use as substitute topsoil material.

We are proposing to use areas E and F instead of previously designated areas C and D for reclamation of the slurry ponds and refuse disposal sites near Hiawatha. Use of areas E and F will have the following advantages over areas C and D:

1. Areas E and F are adjacent to the areas to be reclaimed and will thus contribute to reduced haulage costs and reduced fugitive dust emissions.
2. Areas E and F will provide the same quantity of soil material while disturbing approximately 6 acres less than combined areas C and D.
3. Area E includes the steep, south facing, sideslope of the Miller Creek stream diversion near the toe of Slurry Pond No. 1. This sideslope has been revegetated twice, with poor results both times, since its construction in 1980. Utilizing area E will allow the side slope to be flattened to a configuration more favorable to vegetation growth.

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We feel this change can be categorized as a Permit Amendment rather than a Significant Permit Revision and that no notice or public participation is required. This change will result in a reduction of the size of the disturbed area previously proposed. No operations will be conducted outside the Cumulative Impact Area nor in hydrologic basins other than those authorized in the approved Permit.

Please let me know as soon as possible if this proposed change is acceptable to the Division. We plan to begin placing topsoil and seeding at least a portion of regraded slurry impoundment No. 4 this fall. Upon Division concurrence we will begin developing the information required by R645-301 and R645-302 as it applies to the proposed changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael W. Baum".

Michael W. Baum
V.P. & Gen. Mgr.

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Enclosure(s)
cc: Oliver Gushee