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RE: Draft Review, Portable Screening and Crushing Plant Location, Hiawatha Complex, U. S. Fuel Company, ACT/007/011-94D, Working File, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

On September 29, 1994, U. S. Fuel Company submitted an amendment proposing to change its mining and reclamation plan with regard to operation of a portable screening and crushing plant.

The current mining and reclamation plan says a portable screening and crushing plant may be used outside the disturbed area boundary within the Utah Railway right of way. This was the subject of violations N94-41-6-2, parts 1 and 2, and N94-41-7-1. These violations were modified to require cessation of screening and crushing operations outside the disturbed area and reclamation of the area. The facilities have been removed, and the area is being used as a coal loading area, the same as it was before screening and crushing operations began.

This amendment proposes to allow screening and crushing operations by U. S. Fuel or its customers within the disturbed area. The activity should be acceptable. If the Division approves this amendment, the approval letter should specifically say that U. S. Fuel is accountable for coal mining and reclamation activities within its permit area and will be held responsible for any violation of the regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The activities U. S. Fuel is proposing are unlikely to have any negative environmental effects. The Division should approve the amendment with the understanding that U. S. Fuel is responsible for all coal mining and reclamation activities within its permit area.