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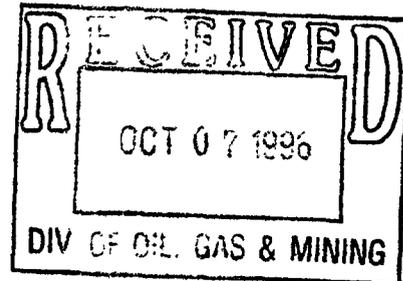
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Dear Mr Carter

I received your ruling from the informal hearing held August 8 concerning violations N96-46-1-1 and N96-46-2-1 United States Fuel Company wishes to appeal the assessment on these violations and hereby requests another Informal Conference to discuss the assessments and explore the possibility of a settlement agreement As we discussed with the Division on Tuesday, your decision has placed U S Fuel Co in a potential NOV situation Although I still strongly oppose the inclusion of the contemporaneous reclamation schedule in our permit, at this point I feel compelled to modify the schedule to avoid issuance of any additional NOV's Therefore, I have included a modified contemporaneous reclamation schedule that is more realistic given our current operations I hope to discuss the schedule at our informal conference

Sincerely,

Michael P Watson  
President



**Table III - 9**  
**Contemporaneous Reclamation Timetable**

<u>Slurry Ponds</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Estimated Completion</u>
#4		
Rough Grade	Completed	Completed
Topsoil	98% Completed	May 96
Hay Mulch & Crimp Surf	Sep 96	Oct 96
Revegetate	Oct 96	Nov 96
#5		
Rough Grade	90% Completed	Aug 96
Topsoil	Nov 96	Oct 97
Revegetate	Oct 97	Nov 97
#1		
Rough Grade	Jul 97	Mar 98
Topsoil	Mar 98	Apr 99
Revegetate	Oct 99	Nov 99
<u>Mine Sites</u>		
North Fork		
Rough Grade	Completed	Completed
Topsoil	Completed	Completed
Revegetate	Apr 97	Apr 97 (Complete now except for shrubs)