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September 19, 1996

Michael Watson, President  
U.S. Fuel Company  
P.O. Box 887  
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Re: Topsoil Borrow Area A, Hiawatha Complex, U.S. Fuel Company, ACT/007/011-96C, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Watson:

A review of the information dated September 6, 1996, received by the Division September 9, 1996, indicates the following deficiencies:

**TOPSOIL R645-301-233 and 553.252**

The surface of Slurry Pond #5 has been appreciably altered since the MRP was originally approved. Therefore, additional sampling of the newly disturbed surface material is required to ascertain the toxic and acid forming properties before reclamation proceeds with Slurry Pond #5. Sampled material will be analyzed according to the Divisions guidelines for management of topsoil and overburden. Analysis will specifically include a water soluble selenium and boron, percent coal finds, PH, E.C. and acid/base potential using the recommended laboratory methods from table 6 as listed within the guidelines. A copy of the guidelines is provided.

**HYDROLOGY R645-301-742.312**

U.S. Fuel has not designed the ditch diversions around the borrow area and the diversion around the south side of the borrow area that routes the water out of the borrow disturbance. Adequate diversion designs must be provided for new diversions created under this project.

Please provide a response to these deficiencies by close of business Monday, September 30, 1996.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph C. Helfrich".

Joseph C. Helfrich  
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

cc: Pete Hess (w/o enclosure)  
Bob Davidson

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