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RE: Draft Partial Technical Analysis, U.S. Fuel Company, Hiawatha Mine Complex, ACT/007/011, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

## HISTORIC AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-411.

### Analysis:

No cultural and historic resource information or maps could be found for the disturbed area, permit area or adjacent areas. According to the State Historic Preservation Officer the entire town of Hiawatha is on the National Register of Historic Places (personal communication 2/11/97). However, the permit states (page IV, 7) that no eligible or known sites of historic interest are located within or adjacent to the permit area. If historic evaluations have been conducted on the site, these may need to be reviewed to evaluate the effects of reclamation on the resources. Determinations of eligibility should be reevaluated since most studies were likely conducted 20 years ago.

A cemetery is designated on facilities map adjacent to Refuse Pile No. 1 and the heavy equipment shop. This cemetery was used for babies in the town of Hiawatha (statement from Michael Watson, U.S. Fuel). The cemetery is currently covered with coal fines to an unknown depth. The cemetery is not considered a refuse pile or coal stock pile and must have the coal fines removed. The only comment in the permit concerning the cemetery is that the fines will be removed in reclamation. Once the coal fines are removed the cemetery should be excluded from the disturbed area.

The ruins of an old school house remain in Middle Fork and several old portals

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remain on site. The value of these and many other historic items within and adjacent to the disturbed area are unknown. The reclamation plan fails to address the disposition of these items at the time of reclamation. Some of these items may be of sufficient value that the operator may elect to retain these structures for a postmining land use.

State History has requested that if the operator conducts an evaluation of the site that a qualified historian performs the evaluation and that State forms are used in the evaluation. At minimum the Division should be contacted prior to the evaluation.

**Findings:**

The permittee must provide the following in accordance with the requirements of:

**R645-301-411.140** — U.S. Fuel must provide maps and supporting narrative in the MRP, describing the cultural and historic resources within the permit or adjacent area listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places, which includes protection measures to be used during mining and reclamation activities.

**R645-301-536** - The cemetery must be clean of all coal mine waste. The cemetery must be excluded from the disturbed area after the fines are removed.