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Mr. James Smith Jr.
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Utah Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1588 West North Temple
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Dear Mr. Smith:

We have reviewed the Revised Surface Water Monitoring Program for the Gordon Creek #2 Mine. The plans were submitted to this office on June 30, 1980, by Mr. Dan Guy, chief engineer for Beaver Creek Coal Company.

The revised plans are in response to Notice-of-Violation 80-5-3-9(3) issued on June 3, 1980, by Mr. Larry Damrau for failure to meet effluent limitations. An approved water monitoring program was in effect at the mine but was not adequate to determine the source of the high sediment load. The revised program adds 4 more monitoring stations. These additional stations include sampling in Bryner Canyon above and below the mine so that it will be possible to evaluate the degree of sedimentation caused by mining activities. This Office approves the Revised Surface Water Monitoring Program.

Monthly data report forms for January through May 1980 contain insufficient information to show a baseline pattern. Sample sites were either dry or snowed in. Beaver Creek Coal Company should make every attempt to obtain flow data and water quality data.

If you have any questions, please contact John Nadolski or Marianne Adams of my staff at (303) 837-3773.

Sincerely,

DONALD A. CRANE