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Re: TDN 87-02-006-010, Soldier Canyon

Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Albuquerque Field Office, has completed review of Utah's Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGM) response to Ten-Day Notice (TDN) 87-02-006-010.

The Division's response to violation 1 of 1 is initially appropriate. Not designating the stream buffer zone can be considered a permit defect, and requiring a revision application submittal by October 31, 1987 is a reasonable timeframe. DOGM should establish a time period for its review and decision on the proposed revision. The operator's posting of stream buffer zone signs should also be field-verified upon approval of the revision.

The TDN was received by DOGM on September 22, due October 2, and postmarked October 6, making the response time 4 days late. Please direct any questions concerning this determination to Steve Rathbun, Supervisory Reclamation Specialist, at (505) 766-1486.

Sincerely,


Robert H. Hagen, Director
Albuquerque Field Office