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September 10, 1997

Rick Olsen, General Manager
Soldier Canyon Mine
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
P. O. Box 1029
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Re: Return of October 3, 1996 Permit Revision, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC., Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018-SR96A, Carbon County, Utah

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Dear Mr. Olsen:

I have spoken recently with both Dan Ferriter and Dave Spillman regarding the disposition of the Soldier Canyon Mine Plan and proposed changes that were submitted on October 2, 1996. The October submittal, made by the Coastal Corporation, was an attempt to permit a new waste rock disposal site as well as clean up a few discrepancies found in the currently approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP).

Both Mr. Ferriter and Mr. Spillman indicated to me that Canyon Fuel Company no longer plans to pursue a waste rock site at the Soldier Canyon Mine. For this reason we hereby deny permit change application SR96A and are returning the October submittal to you.

We recognize that some changes to the Soldier Canyon Mining and Reclamation Plan are still needed. Some of the returned information may be relevant and may still need to be incorporated into the approved plan. There are still references to a waste rock disposal site in your current MRP that has never been approved for use and which should be removed from the plan. There are also references to a preparation plant that has not been built.

Canyon Fuel Company is responsible for having a complete and accurate Mining and Reclamation Plan on file with the Division. It is anticipated that Canyon Fuel Company is

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working on the necessary changes to correct the outstanding discrepancies in the MRP. Please provide a complete and accurate application for permit change which addresses the discrepancies in your plan by no later than January 9, 1998.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daron R. Haddock". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

cc: Dan Ferriter, Canyon Fuel, w/o
Dave Spillman, Canyon Fuel, w/o
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