

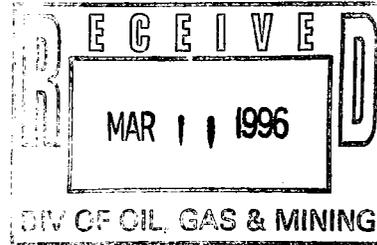
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Horizon Coal Corporation

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March 7, 1996

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Re: Horizon Coal Corporation Permit Application
PRO/007/020, Folder #2, Carbon County, UT

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

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Horizon hereby files copies of letters sent to surface land owners in proximity of the proposed mining operations. This notification to land owners is to fulfill Horizon's commitment in paragraph 4.3.1 of the mine permit application.

Please call me at (303) 989-4242 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Brad Bourquin

Bradley J. Bourquin, P.E.

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Vicky Bailey, EarthFax
Richard Gilliam, Horizon Coal Corporation



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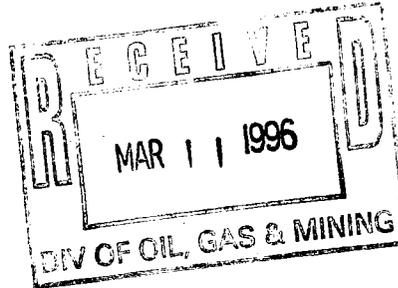
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February 22, 1996

Robert G. Valentine, Director
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Dear Mr. Valentine:

Subject: Comments on Horizon Coal Corporation UPDES Permit No. UTG040019

We have reviewed the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources comments on the Horizon Coal Corporation discharge permit. In response to your comments the Company contact has indicated that the coal mine will be using a continuous miner instead of the long wall mining used at Skyline Mine. Therefore the emulsion pump malfunction which happened at Skyline should not occur at this operation.

Furthermore, the sedimentation pond design and construction is under the review of the Department's District Engineer, Dave Ariotti in Price. He should see that the sediment pond and oil skimming device are properly constructed.

These precautions along with the permit limitations should be adequate for this small mine to protect the fishery in Gordon Creek.

Therefore, we are proceeding to issue this short term permit which is scheduled to expire April 30, 1998. If you desire further discussion of this response, please contact Steven McNeal at 538-6075.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

Don A. Ostler, P.E.
Executive Secretary

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cc: Bill Gates, Division of Wildlife, Price
Brad Bourgren, Horizon Coal Corporation
Dave Ariotti, District Engineer
Claron Bjork, Southeastern Utah District Health Dept.
Mike Reed, EPA Region VIII

