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Coal Regulatory Program
 Attn.: Ms. Pam Grubaugh-Littig
 Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

RE: Annual Coal Sampling at the Canyon Fuel Company, LLC (CFC) Banning Loadout,
 [Redacted]

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig

As we discussed in our recent phone conversation on Tuesday, December 5, the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Banning Loadout requires the operator to obtain, analyze, and report the results of an annual sample of stockpiled coal. This analysis was conducted to monitor coal quality for constituents that could potentially leach into the groundwater. However, since Banning was placed in temporary cessation this year, there remains no stockpiles nor are any planned throughput for the facility. Therefore, beginning this year, CFC would like to indefinitely forego coal analysis until the facility is reactivated. The culmination of our phone conversation on Tuesday would indicate the Division concurs. Please let me know if our conclusion is correct.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please give me a call at (435) 448-2669.

Sincerely,

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 Environmental Coordinator
 Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

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