

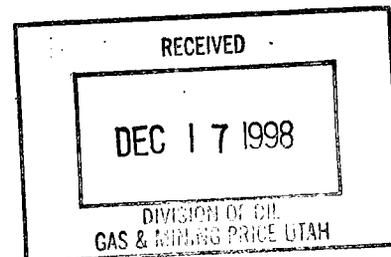
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Mr. Steve Demczak
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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RE: DUGOUT CANYON MINE BLASTING PLAN

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Dear Mr. Demczak:

An NOV was issued by your office for blasting rock at the Dugout Canyon Mine without an approved blasting plan. We understand that the abatement for the NOV requires approval from MSHA to DOGM.

Canyon Fuel Company requested and received a two-week extension on the NOV abatement to allow time for MSHA to respond to your office in writing. As per our conversation this date, MSHA has not followed through with a letter addressing the Dugout Canyon Blasting Plan approval.

To allow MSHA time to respond to DOGM's request, Canyon Fuel Company requests another extension on the abatement of NOV 98-39-5-1 until January 11, 1999.

Sincerely yours,

Ken Payne
Project Manager

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