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November 20, 1998

Ken Payne, General Manager  
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC  
P. O. Box 1029  
Wellington, Utah 84542

Re: Blasting Plan, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Dugout Canyon Mine, ACT/007/039-98G,  
File #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Payne:

Your blasting plan has been denied. The basis for denial is that the blast was conducted with neither written or verbal approval from the Division, nor a written finding from MSHA.

As this situation was a matter of urgency by Canyon Fuel, Mr. Demczak, Senior Reclamation Specialist for the Division, contacted Canyon Fuels personnel on two separate occasions conveying the need for a MSHA finding in writing prior to written approval by the Division. Since Mr. Demczak's attempts were ultimately unsuccessful, I am requesting that personnel from Canyon Fuel meet with Mr. Demczak and me to develop a strategy to prevent future occurrences of this nature. I look forward to our meeting.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph C. Helfrich".

Joseph C. Helfrich  
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure: Denied Application  
cc: Chris Hansen, Scofield  
Steve Demczak  
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