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David M. Arnolds  
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC  
555 Seventeenth Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Denial of Topsoil Stockpile Amendment, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC., Dugout Canyon Mine, ACT/007/039-SR98-2, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Arnolds:

The Division has completed an initial review of the topsoil storage revision to the Dugout Canyon Mine Plan, received on June 10, 1998. An evaluation of the indigenous soils at the proposed storage area has determined that the site does not contain suitable soils for reclamation. The soils have been identified as having unacceptable levels of pH, soluble salts, sodium absorption ratio, and extractable selenium. Since it is doubtful that the site could be reclaimed after using it for a storage area, your application is hereby denied. Please see the attached technical memo which further discusses the issue of reclaimability.

We anticipate that you may still want to pursue an alternative storage location. In the meantime you should continue to follow the Dugout Canyon Plan as currently approved. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

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enclosure

cc: Ken Payne, Canyon Fuel, Scofield  
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