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Richard Manus, Area Manager
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Re: Comments on Notice of Intent to Conduct Minor Coal Exploration, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC., SUFCO Mine, ACT/007041-99E, Folder #3, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Manus:

The Division has reviewed Canyon Fuel Company's recent Notice of Intent to Conduct Minor Coal Exploration at the SUFCO Mine. Their proposal involved drilling 5 exploration holes and five shallow water monitoring (piezometric) holes during July 2000. It appears that the application meets the requirements for minor exploration and our comments are as follows:

- It is recommended that the U. S. Forest Service review and determine the adequacy of the seed mix which the applicant has submitted on page 19 of Appendix C.
- Water for exploration and dust suppression activities will be taken from the north fork of Quitcupah Creek where the North Fork flows under FDR 007, following proper procedure for obtainment through State water laws. The U. S. Forest Service, Manti La-Sal National Forest Service will initiate the arrangements for obtaining the 0.5 acre feet estimated for this exploration project.
- It is recommended that all water usage approvals from the Utah State Engineer be in place for the applicant prior to the approval of this minor coal exploration application by the USBLM.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. Please call me at (801) 538-5325 or Pete Hess at (435) 613-5622 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Price Field Office

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