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Mr. Lowell P. Braxton
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Attention: Mr. Tom Munson

RE: Water Monitoring Amendment
Huntington Canyon No.4 Mine
INA/015/004
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Water monitoring station 4-1-W for the Huntington Canyon No.4 Mine is the Little Bear Spring. The spring is located on the west side of Huntington Creek, and is only accessible by fording the stream during low flow periods. The spring is controlled by the Castle Valley Special Service District, and is a culinary water supply for Huntington City.

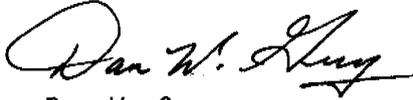
In the past it was possible to collect samples from the area of the spring, and even in a collection box near the highway, if necessary. Recent modifications by the water company have captured all the flow at the spring into a locked box. The spring flow then enters another locked manhole near the highway where it is mixed with water from another area. The only possibility for Beaver Creek to collect a sample is across the creek at the spring site, and then only if the spring box is overflowing.

We have made repeated attempts to reach the spring site in 1988 (5/3, 5/16, 6/8, 8/17, 9/15, as well as other drive-by inspections of the river conditions), and flows were too high to allow safe access to the site. As a result, no samples were taken by Beaver Creek Coal Company. However, the Service District does take samples during the year, and they record flows monthly for the spring. They will make this data available to us at our request.

Due to the difficulty in obtaining samples, and the potential health hazard in sampling culinary water supplies, Beaver Creek Coal Company is herein requesting approval to discontinue sampling of station 4-1-W. We propose to obtain the sampling and flow data from the Special Service District, and to supply this information in our Annual Report for the property.

If you have any questions, or need any further information, please let me know.

Respectfully,



Dan W. Guy
Manager Permitting/Compliance

cc: Johnny Coffey
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