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FROM: Susan M. White, Senior Reclamation Biologist *SMW*

RE: Water Monitoring Amendment, Huntington Canyon #4 Mine, Mountain Coal Company, ACT/015/004-95C, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

The above reference amendment changes water sampling frequency from quarterly to biannual. Additionally a UPDES point associated with the sediment pond will now be monitored as a regular monitoring station. The sediment pond has been removed and the UPDES Discharge Permit has been cancelled effective August 30, 1995. Phase II bond release has been recommended for the site, pending sediment pond removal in a letter from Lowell Braxton, dated March 20, 1995.

Sharon Falvey, Division Senior Hydrologist, was consulted concerning this amendment. She agreed with changing from quarterly to biannual monitoring if the operator was to sample at high and low water flows. Records show that samples have only been collected in 1989 and 1993 for the past six years at these locations. Samples in 1989 and 1993 were collected in June. All other sampling was reported as dry.

The permittee has been asked that when sampling biannually that every reasonable effort be made to sample when water is present. Therefore, it is determined that the amendment should be approved and incorporated into the permit.

