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Mr. J.T. Paluso
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RE: Proposed Chemical Analysis
Hidden Valley Mine
Soldier Creek Coal Company
Emery County, Utah
PRO/015/022

Dear Tom:

The proposed chemical analysis of water samples of the surface and groundwater for Soldier Creek Coal Company's Hidden Valley Mine looks good. I would like to offer a few comments on the sampling.

1. Total suspended solids is of little value in a groundwater sample.
2. Sampling of oil and grease requires a special sample bottle.

The Division awaits the submittal of the complete monitoring plan for a full review.

Hope all is going well on your plan preparations. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Division.

Sincerely,


THOMAS J. SUCHOSKI
RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

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