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RE: Soldier Creek Coal Company
(Hidden Valley Mine)
UT-0023701

Dear Mr. Vinson:

We have completed a review of the above-referenced NPDES permit for the Soldier Creek Company, Hidden Valley Mine, as described in Public Notice UT-80-005. We hereby certify that the pH, oil, TDS, total iron, and 25 mg/l TSS conditions imposed in said permit should result in the applicant's compliance with applicable State Water Quality Standards.

Because of the additional ground water data submitted September 5, 1980 by Soldier Creek Coal Company we recommend that the TDS limit be increased to 850 mg/l. The following footnote language may also be appropriate: "If any iron or TDS analysis exceeds this limitation, the State of Utah and the permittee shall review the actions necessary to achieve compliance with the limitations and the continued appropriateness of the limitation.

If is further certified that, to the best of our knowledge, this permit will comply with the applicable provisions under Sections 301, 302, 303, and 306 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 466 et seq.), and that at this time there are no applicable standards under section 307 of said Act.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER POLLUTION COMMITTEE

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Executive Secretary

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cc: Soldier Creek Coal Co.
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