

# TRAIL MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY

May 16, 1979

State of Utah  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

ATTN: Ronald W. Daniels

Dear Mr. Daniels,

In your letter of April 25, 1979 to me, you gave some additional comments concerning violations at Trail Mountain Coal Company.

I am requesting some additional clarification or assistance in developing the required plans:

3. Plans for the reclamation of the refuse pile

The material in question was deposited along the side of the mountain. Drainage from this area will be contained in the settling ponds and no water will be released. It will not be possible to cover the material at its present location because of its slope. We are restricted by the Forest Service on what alternatives are available to us. I am therefore requesting assistance from your department. Meetings can be set up at your convenience with Mr. Howard Tuttle of Johansen & Tuttle Engineering in Castle Dale. He will act in my absence as Trail Mountain representative.

6. Roads crossing culverts

We are still negotiating with Utah Power & Light regarding this problem. Should these negotiations fail, Trail Mountain Coal will assume the responsibility insofar as the area it has affected. It is not feasible at this time to set a date for installation of culverts. I will notify your department when a decision has been reached. If this is not suitable, please advise me.

8. Revegetation of disturbed areas

The disturbed area consists mainly of rock and there is little evidence of vegetation. The Forest Service is opposed to borrow areas because of the additional disturbed areas this would create. Technical assistance is required to help formulate a plan which will satisfy your requirements.

Ground Water Monitoring Plan

Springs, seeps and water made in the mine is used at the face. Therefore, a quantity calculation will have to be based on:

1. The amount of water pumped out
2. The amount of water used at the face

The amount of water used at the face will have to be estimated. An accurate quantity will not be available because of this amount and the amount of water removed with the coal.

Water quality will be monitored where the water flow permits the gathering of a sample. Samples will be taken on a monthly basis and analyzed quarterly. Analysis will be submitted to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining within 60 days of the end of the calendar quarter.

Sincerely,

*David Mills / [Signature]*

David Mills  
Mining Engineer

cc: Harold Mosely  
Howard Tuttle