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November 7, 1984

TO: Coal File, Inspection & Enforcement Folder
FROM: Sandy Pruitt, Mining Field Specialist *SP*
RE: Trail Mountain Mine, Natomas Coal Company,
ACT/015/009, Folder #7, Emery County, Utah

A partial inspection of the Trail Mountain mine site was conducted by Sandy Pruitt on October 30, 1984 in an effort to familiarize the inspector with recent improvements and the present condition of this inactive mine site. Due to the brevity of this inspection, no one from Natomas Coal Company was contacted.

One distinct and questionable change in the operation noted by this inspector was a new pipe enjoined to the mine discharge pipe to divert the discharge into Cottonwood Creek instead of the mine sediment pond. There was no evidence apparent that a discharge into Cottonwood Creek had occurred. This was reported to Dave Lof who explained Natomas Coal Company's intentions to divert mine water around the pond in order to meet the conditions for alternative effluent limitations. Dave instructed Natomas not to hook up the diversion until DOGM approval was acquired. Authorization of a new NPDES discharge point is also required. This will be promptly followed up with another inspection within one week.

Additional items to be checked on at that time will be the progress on cleaning out the sediment pond, the installation of a trash rack at the Cottonwood Creek culvert inlet, maintenance of the 48 inch culvert inlet, the condition of the disturbed area drainage ditch along the fence line, and the disposition of the barrow area.

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cc: Donna Griffin, OSM
Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Statistics: See Soldier Creek Mine Memo dated November 5, 1984

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