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DIVISION OF
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Re: Water Monitoring Report
Trail Mountain Mine
ACT/015/009
Emery County, Utah

Dear Ms. Littig:

Mr. Hugh Klein noticed some discrepancies in our 4th quarter water monitoring reports for the Trail Mountain Mine, and suggested I explain them in a letter to you.

The following is a list of each of the discrepancies along with my explanation:

- (1) Station SW-1 - No oil and grease was run.
 - (a) SW-1 is located on Cottonwood Creek above the minesite. Mr. Coonrod recalls a letter from the Division stating that oil and grease was only required to be run on samples collected within or below the site. The mine could not possibly impact the stream above the site; however, I have instructed Mr. Coonrod to start taking oil and grease samples at this point to be consistent with the plan and for comparison of samples below the site.

- (2) Station T-19 - Baseline analyses were run when only operational was required.
 - (a) The lab was previously notified that T-19 would go to an operational parameter list; however, they must not have updated their records. We will notify them again of this change.

(3) Stations UG-2 and UG-3 - Samples show to have been collected in early January 1992 instead of 4th Quarter 1991.

(a) These stations were sampled in December 1991; however the samples were placed in the office refrigerator until Mr. Coonrod could get here to ship them. In the interim, Mountain Coal went on an extended shutdown for the Christmas holidays, and Mel couldn't get in to send the samples off. He later discussed the holding time with the lab, and they indicated the time was too long and new samples should be taken. This was done as soon as he could get back into the mine. Additional samples will be taken in the first quarter of 1992 as required.

I hope this will clarify any questions on the water monitoring. Required additions or corrections will be made to the program prior to the first quarter 1992 sampling.

If you have any questions, or need any further information, please let me know.

Respectfully,



Dan W. Guy
Manager Permitting/Compliance

cc: Mel Coonrod (E.I.S.)
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