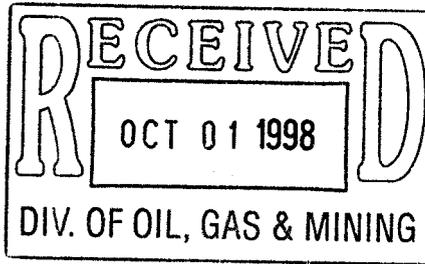


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Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the monthly discharge reports for the Deer Creek, Des-Bee-Dove, Trail Mountain, and Wilberg mines and the Hunter Coal Preparation and Blending Facility for the month of August 1998.

Please be advised that Trail Mountain Mine, UPDES permit number UTG040003-002, exceeded effluent limitations on Total Iron. The Trail Mountain permit allows 1.0 ppm Total Iron in the mine discharge water. The sample taken on August 10, 1998 had a value of 1.5 ppm. Recently the Trail Mountain Mine has had a problem meeting effluent limitations on Total Iron, which is being attributed to elevated iron of the intercepted groundwater in the western portion of the mine.

Also note that the Deer Creek Mine, UPDES permit number UT0023604-002, has exceeded effluent limitations on the 30-day average of Total Suspended Solids (TSS). The Deer Creek permit allows an average of 25.0 ppm TSS for the month. The sample taken on August 10, 1998 had a value of 27.0 ppm. Recent values of TSS have been lower than 10.0 ppm. Since only one sample was taken during the month of August, we believe that this value is a spike value and does not represent the true average TSS for the month.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dennis Oakley at 687-4825 or Chuck Semborski at 687-4720.

Sincerely,

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