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Gentleman:

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 November 1998.

Please be advised that the Deer Creek Mine, UPDES permit number UT0023604-001 exceeded effluent limitations on Total Suspended Solids (TSS) with a value of 49 mg/L. The lab analysis report was received on December 11, 1998 after the time which the discharge point could not be resampled. Energy West characterizes the exceeded parameter as a spike value which does not typify the 30 day average. The Deer Creek sediment pond was sampled on December 8, 1998 with a reported value of 22 mg/L (within compliance).

Also note that the Trail Mountain Mine, UPDES permit number UTG040003-002, exceeded its effluent limitation on Total Dissolved Solids (TDS). The elevated TDS loading is being attributed to the quantity of mine water discharged from the Trail Mountain Mine. Average discharge for the month was recorded at 384 gpm while the quality was 986 mg/L TDS. Loading of TDS in the Cottonwood Creek calculated to 4549.85 lbs/day. PacifiCorp has an approved UPDES permit which will become effective 12/1/98 that limits TDS to 1200 mg/L instead of the current 1 ton per day.

Along with the exceedances, please note that the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, UPDES permit number UT0022896-001 had discharged during the month of November. Total discharge for the month measured 3,086,862 gallons. Several attempts were made to sample the intermittent mine discharge without success. The Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine is located approximately 30 miles from the Energy West main office in Huntington, Utah.

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Mr. Steve McNeal from the Division of Water Quality was contacted by Dennis Oakley on December 15, 1998 and advised of the exceedances from the Deer Creek and Trail Mountain mines. Discussion was also made concerning the missed sample at the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine. Mr. McNeal instructed Mr. Oakley to note the exceedances and missed sample and submit with the monthly DMR reports. It was also agreed upon between Mr. McNeal and Mr. Oakley to submit the November DMR report near the first part of January since the company's Environmental Department was to be vacant during the last two weeks of December.

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

Sincerely,

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