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Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Quality
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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 and 002 exceeded effluent limitations on Total Suspended Solids (TSS) with a value of 29 mg/L and 27 mg/L respectively. Two samples were taken (8th and 15th) at each of the sites during the month of December. At site 001 TSS values are reported at 22 mg/L and 36 mg/L for each of the sampling days. The average for the month equates to 29 mg/L. At site 002, both samples are reported at 27 mg/L TSS. The lab analysis reports for the December 15th sampling day was not received until January 8, 1999, after the time which the discharge point could not be resampled.

Energy West contributes the exceeded TSS limitation at site 001 to low sediment pond conditions. The flow of the discharge was closed down to approximately 5 gpm to allow the pond to regain longer retention times. The problem at site 002 is still under investigation.

Dennis Oakley called Steve McNeal (Division of Water Quality) on the 4th and 8th of January and reported the exceedances for sites 001 and 002. 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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