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RE: Utah Power & Light Company
Church Mine
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Folder No. 7
Emery County, Utah

The above mentioned minesite was visited on February 16, 1983 by Division Inspector David Lof and Division Technical Staff members Mary Boucek, Cy Young, Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Tom Munson and EV Hooper. They were accompanied by Larry Guymon of Emery Mining Corporation. The purpose of the visit was to give the Technical Staff a tour of the minesite in order to help them in their review of the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the mine. After the tour with the Technical Staff I discussed with Mr. Guymon several concerns that I had noted during the tour.

On February 15, 1983 a bin wall which supported a portion of the Little Dove fill pad collapsed, displacing approximately 1,500 cubic yards of material from the Beehive-Little Dove pad. The displaced materials partially covered the entrance to the portals of the Deseret Mine. There were no personal injuries due to the slope failure. On the morning of the 16th the operator had a contractor on-site removing the materials from the Deseret pad and placing them down on the main storage yard. The cause of the slope failure was the saturation of the fill, this was due to poor maintenance of drainage controls on the Beehive-Little Dove pad. During several previous inspections the operator had been warned of potential problems with the ponding on the Beehive-Little Dove pad. (See January 5, 1982 inspection memo and September 29, 1982 inspection memo.) On March 2, 1983 the Division received a letter from Emery Mining Corporation informing the Division in writing that the slope failure had occurred, additional information on the slope failure has subsequently been requested from the operator.

I discussed with Mr. Guymon the possibility of reclaiming the road up to the old pump house which is located below the minesite. He explained that the road was still needed because when pillars are pulled in the Church Mine

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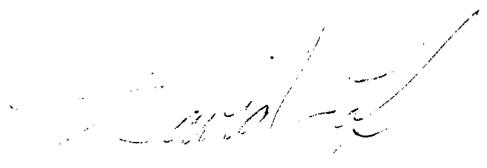
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the present water supply line from the Wilberg Mine will be removed. At that time they will have to start trucking water to the mine. The road will be used by water trucks delivering water to the holding tank located next to the pump house.

The straw bale dikes located at the end of the curve in the mine access road just above the old pump house appeared to be functioning properly. A large amount of coal fines has been desposited against the straw bale dikes. The operator was asked to have these sediments cleaned out to provide for more sediment storage.



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Statistics:

See Wilberg Mine memo dated March 25, 1983.