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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 March 2000.

Due to laboratory a delay, analysis reports were not received at the Energy West office until after the 28th deadline had passed. These attached DMR reports were submitted immediately upon receiving the analysis information.

The Deer Creek Sediment pond (UPDES # UT0023604-001) exceeded both 1 ton daily allowance TDS of 3407 lbs/day and the 5000 mg/L allowance of 7714 mg/L. Note that the sample in question was taken during a precipitation event of less than 10yr/24hrs. A heavy snowfall occurred during the previous night the sample was taken. County road crews applied salt to the mine access road leading to the Deer Creek Mine. Runoff from this road is diverted into the sediment pond. When the conductivity was realized during sampling, the discharge was immediately closed down to approximately 19 gpm. This action decreased the salt discharge to the Deer Creek to approximately 1900 lbs/day. The TDS limitation was exceeded for only a minimal amount of time.

Please notice the DMR of the Wilberg Mine discharge (UPDES # UT0022896-001). Although discharge occurred during the month of March, no sample for water quality parameters was taken. Several attempts were made to sample the location, but the discharge was intermittent and no sample was attained.

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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