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May 7, 1979

Memo to Coal File:

Re: Utah Power and Light
Deer Creek Coal Mine
ACT/015/018-A

Utah Power and Light's Deer Creek Mine was inspected on May 3, 1979 by Jim Smith and Mike Thompson. Karl Gurr represented the company.

Construction of the sediment pond and buried culvert diversion was observed at the mine site. The pond site was being drilled and blasted. Excess earth material was being hauled and backfilled into an area adjacent to the upper parking area.

Violations observed at the mine site and the stockpile by the power-plant include the following.

1. Outslopes of fill structures and cut slopes are not revegetated.
2. The half-round culvert diversion had soil material, resulting from minor slumps, deposited in it.
3. An area adjacent to an abandoned mine, where the conveyor crosses the road, is presently used for equipment storage. The area either needs sediment control or the area should not be used. If the area is abandoned, the culvert should be removed and the channel re-established.
4. The left culvert under the crossing to the stockpile adjacent to the power plant requires additional cleaning.

The sotckpile area near the powerplant was observed. A pond equipped with a sand filter exists for the site. Plans will be requested.

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cc: Region V, O.S.M.

Note: For accounting statistics see Kaiser Steel memo dated 5-7-79.