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CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ralph L. Jerman
Utah Power & Light Company
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RE: Live Coal Stockpile
Deer Creek Mine
ACT/015/018 - A

Dear Mr. Jerman:

Tom Suchoski and I visited the Deer Creek Mine on March 27, 1979, to observe progress of the construction of the sediment pond. At that time we observed that coal was deliberately pushed into the drainage on the upstream side of the access to the live coal storage yard between the mine and the power plant. I am enclosing a polaroid photograph for reference.

Karl Gurr informs me that the Mining and Exploration Section does not have control of the live coal stockpile. Please see that the spillage is properly taken care of immediately, and inform the persons in charge of the area that proper sediment control measures are necessary at the site. The Division is of the opinion that the stockpile area falls within the jurisdiction of Public Law 95-87 and Utah's recently passed House Bill 138. The mine will be inspected during the second week of April. If the situation is not corrected a notice of violation will be issued.

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In addition, you will recall that Ron Daniels mentioned to you in a recent telephone conversation that sediment control should be implemented at the Mohrland Coal Load Out facility. Signs on site at this facility indicate that Utah Power and Light Company is the leasee of this property.

By copying this letter to the Division of State Health and the U.S. Office of Surface Mining, these agencies are informed of the problem.

Your cooperation in these matters is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Photograph

cc: Steve McNeal (with photograph)
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