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October 23, 1980

Inspection Memo  
to Coal File:

RE: Utah Power & Light Company  
Deer Creek Mine  
ACT/015/018A  
Emery County, Utah

On September 16, 1980, a full inspection was made at the Deer Creek Mine by OSM Inspector, Larry Damrau and Division Hydrologist, D. Wayne Hedberg. Prior to actual on-site inspection, a review of the mining plans and appropriate approval letters were reviewed in the mining office, on-site, with Mr. Stan Truman, mine control engineer, at the Deer Creek Mine. Mr. Larry Guymon, mining engineer for Utah Power & Light Company, accompanied the State and Federal representatives during the inspection.

A series of large culvert drop drains were noted to be plugged or partially plugged due to the recent intensive precipitation events within the past week. These areas were addressed by the Company maintenance crew prior to the inspectors leaving the minesite.

A small amount of seepage was noted from the sediment pond discharge drain culvert; a flow of approximately two to three gallons per minute was estimated. It is believed that the regulating gate within the storm discharge decanting system is responsible for the seepage and this gate and associated problems are to be repaired or replaced prior to the next State or Federal inspection. No imminent environmental harm was apparent at the present time, therefore, a violation was not issued. A small area of uncontrolled runoff from the coal stockpile area adjacent to the scale and weighing area where the UP&L coal conveyor crosses the stream channel was brought to the attention of Mr. Guymon. Mr. Guymon stated that the area of concern was outside of their permit boundary and was the responsibility of the Huntington Power Plant located just east of the stockpiling facilities. Mr. Guymon committed himself to confirming this statement and will notify the appropriate authorities, if this assumption proves to be false. Apparently, this same area had been questioned on a previous inspection by OSM and the State and a conclusive decision had not been substantiated to date. No state or federal violations were issued.

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RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

cc: Murray Smith, OSM, Denver

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Statistics:

See Plateau memo dated September 23, 1980.