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December 31, 1984

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement File
FROM: Sandy Pruitt, Mining Field Specialist *SP*
RE: Utah Power & Light Company, Des-Bee-Dove Mines,
ACT/015/017, #7, Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018, #7,
Wilberg Mine ACT/015/019, #7, Emery County, Utah

Complete inspections of the Deer Creek and Des-Bee-Dove mines were conducted by Sandy Pruitt on December 20, 1984. Val Payne was contacted at the mine office in Huntington. A fire had started in the Wilberg Mine early that morning; 27 miners were trapped in a section of the mine past the fire. Emery Mining personnel and mine rescue crews from several other mine companies were working diligently at attempts to contain the fire and rescue the trapped miners. During this attempt, the Deer Creek and Des-Bee-Dove mines were temporarily closed and inaccessible.

At the time of this inspection, Val Payne notified DOGM of their intent to drill a hole into a section of the Wilberg Mine where the trapped miners may have barricaded for safe rescue. The drill hole was intended to obtain rapid access to the miners to supply oxygen, communication and provide some sustenance.

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cc: Donna Griffin
Val Payne
Joe Helfrich

Statistics:

Vehicle EX 74965: 358 miles
No per diem
Grant A & E

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