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October 5, 1984

TO: Memo to Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement
FROM: Ken Wyatt, Mining Field Specialist *KW*
RE: Utah Power and Light Company, Deer Creek Mine,
ACT/015/018, Folder #7, Emery County, Utah

A partial inspection of the Deer Creek Mine facilities was conducted by Ken Wyatt, Field Specialist for the Division on September 20, 1984. Mr. Larry Guymon and Bob Wiley of Emery Mining Corporation accompanied this inspector. The weather was partly cloudy and cold following recent thunderstorms.

A concern was expressed by the operator about compliance and maintenance work that could be adversely halted should the UMWA go on strike at the end of the month. Should a strike occur contractors would not cross picket lines to get onsite for working. The operator was informed about the inability to comply section of the regulations as it affects assessments to NOV's and CO's. Barbara Roberts of the Attorney Generals office was questioned and could not recall any provisions governing labor conflicts. The operator is advised to attempt to comply to the degree possible should a strike occur.

Examination of several of the terraces above the ROM bench revealed a need to maintain the benches for use as a diversion. This work needs to be completed prior to the onset of winter. At this time water was being retained on the terraces due to soughage of the highwall.

The undisturbed inlets up Deer Creek, the Right Fork of Deer Creek and Elk Canyon were all unobstructed. Flow was observed in the Elk Canyon and Deer Creek Canyon drainages.

The sediment pond was retaining water, however no discharge was occurring. The silt fences along the access road were being maintained at this time. The riprap installation work along the mine access road's ditches appears to hold up well. Flow has occurred in these ditches and little if any erosion has occurred.

UP&L is considering installing weather monitoring stations at each mine site. This inspector highly recommends that UP&L follow through with this idea. Rain data collected onsite would

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be very valuable to the operator in proving storm intensities to the Division should heavy precipitation cause damage to property. No compliance problems were observed.

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cc: Larry Guymon
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