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Attention: Water Management Division
Compliance Branch (8WM-C)

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the quarterly Discharge Monitoring Reports for the Deer Creek and Des-Bee-Dove mines for the third quarter of 1988 and the monthly reports for the Wilberg Mine (001-004) for the month of September 1988.

As noted on the reports, no water was discharged from the Des-Bee-Dove facility and the Wilberg Mine locations 001, 002, and 003.

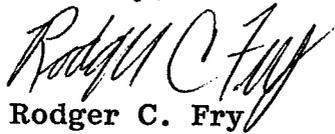
Intermittent discharge did occur at the Wilberg Mine site 004 and the Deer Creek Mine sediment pond. The Wilberg site (UT 0022896-004) was inspected on September 13, 1988; the sealed portals were discharging through the pipe relief system at a rate of 4.3 gallons per minute (GPM). A water quality sample was collected, including a 5-gallon container for biomonitoring. (Results of the biomonitoring will be submitted as soon as they are received.) As in the past, water discharged from the sealed portals does not enter the receiving stream because of low volume of discharge and distance from the receiving stream.

At the Deer Creek Mine the capacity of the discharge oil skimmer was increased, and water normally shipped to the Huntington Power Plant was diverted to the Deer Creek Mine sediment pond. The volume of water diverted to the pond made it necessary that the pond in turn be discharged into Deer Creek stream. The bypass was initiated

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September 12, 1988 at 0800 hours and continued until September 18, 1988 at 1600 hours. During that period a total of 11,696,944 gallons of water was bypassed at an average rate of 1,283 gpm.

Sincerely,



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