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RE: Utah Power & Light Co.
Cottonwood Mine
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Emery County, Utah

On August 13, 1981, DOGM Inspectors Sandy Pruitt, Rex Fidler and Jean Doutré visited the Cottonwood site in Millard Canyon. It was observed that there were three piles of material. The pile furthest south in Millard Canyon is the waste dump pile where the mine fan will be. The center pile is the topsoil pile and the pile furthest north in Millard Canyon is the excess material pile. All three of these piles of material had roads that were cut into the slope of the mountain at one time. These roads presently are unable to be used because of road grading and preventative measures taken by UP&L to prevent access by other individuals into the area. Above the excess material pile, just west of the Cottonwood Creek road, there is a turnaround that was developed at the time work was being done on this site. The leading edge of this turnaround extends into the stream and is not properly bermed or has not been bermed in the past. There is also no indication of any action or consideration of this turnaround area for vehicles in the mine plan of UP&L. The road which is adjacent to this future fan portal area contributes large amounts of sediment to Cottonwood Creek.

Between the two UP&L signs, appropriate sediment control measures have not been constructed and maintained fully considering the environmental impact to the area. In accordance with UMC 817.45, Hydrologic Balance, sediment control measures which include practices carried out within and adjacent to the disturbed area have not been maintained. All along this area it was noted during the inspection that the following areas were deemed inadequate.

1. Breached berms.
2. Sloughing of banks into the stream.
3. Major contributions of sediments into the stream from drainage off the road.
4. Damming of natural stream course and backage of water.
5. Improper drainage control of the road adjacent to the Cottonwood permit area.

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Because of this situation which presently exists, individuals from Trail Mountain were contacted and a meeting between UP&L and individuals from Trail Mountain was suggested.

Rex C. Fidler
REX C. FIDLER
RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Larry Guymon, UP&L
Inspection Staff

RCF/btm

Statistics:

See Emery Deep memo dated August 13, 1981

Grant: A & E