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March 7, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: Sandy Pruitt, Inspection and Enforcement Folder 
RE: Wilberg Mine, Utah Power and Light Company, ACT/015/019,
Folder #7, Emery County, Utah

An inspection of the Wilberg waste rock disposal site was conducted by Sandy Pruitt, accompanied by Larry Guymon on February 27, 1985. Waste rock from the Des-Bee-Dove Mine rehabilitation and ash removed from the Wilberg Mine were being disposed in Cell #3. Sediment removed from the Des-Bee-Dove Sediment Pond was being placed in Cell #6. All drainage control measures inspected appeared adequate.

A blast occurred during the disposal site inspection. Rock removed from Cell #3 and Cell #6 was being blasted to be used as riprap along the Des-Bee-Dove/Wilberg connection road. A warning signal was given prior to the blast as required. Prior to this it was not clear that a blasting operation was underway. In fact just before the blast two people had requested access to the disposal site in order to sort coal out of the waste rock and Larry Guymon directed them to Cell #3 which is near the blasting area. Apparently the blasters there had restricted access to the area so that a public hazard was minimized.

UMC 817.11 (f) requires blasting warning signs at each point of public access to a blasting area, with conspicuous flagging to delineate the hazardous area. Warning signs were not posted by Emery Mining Corporation prior to the blast observed. Therefore, NOV # N85-2-2-1 was warranted for the failure to post blasting signs in accordance with UMC 817.11 (f). This citation required that no further blasting occur until adequate warning signs were posted at public access points into the blasting area. At that time charges were already set at 13 of 120 holes. Therefore, prior to setting off the next blast that afternoon, Larry Guymon had two signs made which read "Warning: Blasting Area" and posted the signs along the public road on either side of the access into the disposal site which is nearest the blasting area. NOV # N85-2-2-1 was terminated effective February 27, 1985 prior to the last blast that afternoon.

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cc: Donna Griffin, OSM
Larry Guymon EMC
Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Statistics:

Vehicle #: EX49611, 703 miles
Per Diem: 1 person X 4 days, 7 hours = \$158.85
Grant: A&E
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