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Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the monthly discharge reports for the Deer Creek, Des-Bee-Dove, Trail Mountain, and Wilberg mines and the Hunter Coal Preparation and Blending Facility for the month of March 1998.

Please be advised that Trail Mountain Mine, UPDES permit number UTG040003; and Deer Creek Mine, permit number UT0023604-001 have exceeded effluent limitations. Non-compliance occurred on the Trail Mountain Mine discharge 002. The discharge was sampled March 4, 1998 and the analysis report was received on March 25, 1998. Non-compliance was caused by discharging a surplus of intercepted water from the underground mining operations. As you are aware, PacifiCorp has requested that the Trail Mountain UPDES permit be converted from a General to a Site Specific/Individual permit to allow for water intercepted in the mine to be discharged based on the Total Dissolved Solids concentration instead of the current tonnage limit. On April 24, 1998 PacifiCorp submitted additional information requested by Mr. Steve McNeal, permitting administrator, from its most recent UPDES application renewal.

Non-compliance occurred at the Deer Creek Mine sediment pond discharge 001. The discharge was sampled March 4, 1998 and the analysis report was received on March 25, 1998 with a reported Total Dissolved Solids value of 5052 mg/L. Although this value exceeds the TDS limitation on concentration, the quantity, as based on a tonnage limit, was not exceeded. Elevated TDS concentrations in the sedimentation pond were caused by earlier snowmelt runoff into the pond contributing salt from road deicing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dennis Oakley at 687-4825 or Chuck Semborski at 687-4720.

Sincerely,

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