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COMMENTS: Jim, FYI. This letter was
sent to DEQ yesterday.
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Dennis

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May 16, 2001

Mr. Mike Herkimer
State of Utah
Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Quality-Permits and Compliance Section
288 North 1460 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870

RE: Notice of Anticipated Bypass of the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Discharge Point 001, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, UPDES Permit No. U F- 0022896.

Dear Mr. Herkimer:

Tomorrow, May 17, 2001, all portals at the Wilberg Mine will have been sealed. As we discussed previously, the Cottonwood Mine (adjacent to the Wilberg Mine) is scheduled to be sealed by May 25, 2001. Historically, mine water from Wilberg and Cottonwood Mines has been discharged into Grimes Wash in Emery County. Since the power will be disconnected and water pumps removed from the Cottonwood Mine, it is anticipated that the groundwater intercepted during mining activities will flow toward the Trail Mountain Access (TMA) in Cottonwood Canyon.

While it is not known how long it will take before the intercepted ground water will reach TMA, we anticipate that it will begin discharging into the Cottonwood Canyon Creek. PacifiCorp has submitted an application to relocate 001 from Grimes Wash to TMA, but have not received final approval. We anticipate approval by mid-June.

According to Section III, G (Compliance Responsibilities, Bypass of Treatment Facilities) of permit number UT-0022896, it is our responsibility to notify the Division of any anticipated bypass. This letter satisfies that permit requirement.

Initially, discharging mine water will be treated with a series of sediment traps while the Cottonwood Mine portals are being sealed. These traps should settle out any suspended solids before discharging into the Cottonwood Canyon Creek. As the Cottonwood Mine is sealed, the mine water discharge will flow through a sand filter for final treatment. We are working without delay to seal these portals.

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If you have any questions or concerns with this bypass notice, please call Chuck Semborski at (435) 687-4720 or Dennis Oakley at 435-687-4825.

Sincerely,



Carl Pollastro
Manager of Technical Services

cc: Scott Child
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