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Memo to Coal File:

RE: Southern Utah Fuel Company
Convulsion Canyon Mine
ACT/041/002

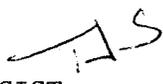
Mr. Murray Smith of the Office of Surface Mining, in Denver, called the Division on April 20, 1979, to discuss and feel out the Division staff's opinion on some proposals he had as to Southern Utah Fuel Company's waste disposal plans.

Mr. Smith proposed that the waste material which SUFCO is disposing of is toxic-forming material. He came to this opinion from the similarity of the material to Mancos shale and to the lack of vegetation on the fill. The Division staff is of the opinion that the waste material is sterile, until soil tests prove to the contrary.

Mr. Smith also proposed that if the materials were toxic, then they could not use the material in a valley fill and would have to find another location out of a hydrologic channel, to place the material. He also proposes that the area in which SUFCO operates falls under the special section for steep slope mining.

The point was brought out by Mr. Smith that the highwall on the east side of the canyon needs to be reclaimed and that the Office of Surface Mining was concerned about the manner in which it will be done.

On April 24, 1979, these proposals were passed on to Mr. Kerry Frame of Southern Utah Fuel Company by Tom Suchoski of the Division. Mr. Frame stated that Southern Utah Fuel Company would look into these matters.

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