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Office of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement
Attention: Mr. Donald A. Crane
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Denver, Colorado 80202

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Dear Mr. Crane:

We have reviewed the October 1979 Addendum to Southern Utah Fuel Company's Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Convulsion Mine and recommend it be approved subject to the following:

1. The culvert system leading to the sediment pond should be constructed to allow for flushing-out into the sediment pond or otherwise cleaning out any sediment which may accumulate and restrict or block passage of run-off thru the system. All sediment removed from the system shall be deposited in the sediment pond, or at another location as approved by the authorized officer, to avoid its entering the natural drainage system or be otherwise uncontrolled.
2. Water bars should be constructed and/or maintained to ensure effectiveness.
3. Those portions of the sediment control system, including the sediment pond, which are located outside of the lease area will require authorization by Forest Service Special Use Permit.
4. The plan for monitoring surface water is adequate. However, efforts have been made to implement the plan, but monitoring structures have failed. New efforts are needed in order for implementation.
5. Species of vegetation to be used in reclamation activities shall require approval by the Forest Service.

The State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining has requested our comments on the Fish and Wildlife portion of the plan. We feel the impacts of coal mining on wildlife and the associated mitigating measures are adequately addressed in the August 1, 1978 Environmental Analysis/Technical Examination for Federal Coal Lease U-28297 which was issued to Coastal States Energy Company as addition to the

Convulsion Mine operation. A copy of this letter is being sent to the State in response to their request.

If there are any questions please contact Mr. Darrel Hintze of the Richfield District Office (FTS 584-8219) or Mr. Lynn Findlay of this office (FTS 584-8241).

Sincerely,


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Forest Supervisor

cc:

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