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IN REPLY REFER TO:

May 6, 1980

Mr. Cleon B. Feight, Director  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

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Attention: Mary Ann Wright  
Reclamation BiologistRE: Fish and Wildlife Plan Review  
Southern Utah Fuel Company  
Convulsion Canyon Mine  
ACT/047/002

Dear Mr. Feight:

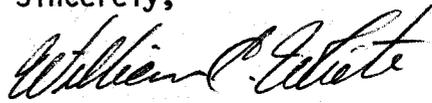
Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum submitted at a earlier date to the Office of Surface Mining outlining the Fish and Wildlife Service concerns in regard to this mining operation. The present plan responds to the majority of these concerns.

One consideration that is still of some concern is the potential loss of small seeps and wet meadows due to interruption of the area's hydrology. This loss or a change in the even distribution of these water sources can have significant impact upon the less mobile species of small mammals and birds. We suggest that the company include as a part of their Fish and Wildlife Plan proposals for the replacement of these areas if they are subsequently lost. Since this is a rather arid habitat area, if an opportunity arises for the company to develop new watering areas, they should be encouraged to do so. This development plus fencing for protection from overgrazing, would be an enhancement to their Fish and Wildlife Plan.

Of additional concern is the potential loss of large game animals resulting from collisions of coal haul trucks with these animals. There presently exists a serious problem in the Salina Canyon area of deer-vehicle collisions. There will be efforts to monitor these losses in the future. If losses are identified with this company's operation, we believe they should develop a plan to ameliorate those losses. This could be done by, participation in the installation of warning devices or fencing to prevent these collisions, or possibly limiting of period of the truck hauling to avoid early evening hours in the winter time

when these problems reach a high level. We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment upon this mining operation. If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



for

Robert H. Shields  
Area Manager

Enclosure