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MEMORANDUM

TO: James W. Smith, Jr., Coordinator of Mined Land Development
FROM: Kenneth W. Wyatt, Reclamation Officer *KW*
SUBJECT: Slope Failure at Southern Utah Fuel Company, Convulsion Canyon Mine
DATE: April 19, 1982

Early in March 1982, a rather extensive slope failure occurred at SUFCO's Convulsion Canyon Mine. This failure extends in a north to south direction for approximately 300 feet and passes about 20 feet east of the power substation. A second failure occurred on the southeastern portion of the office parking lot pad.

Pursuant to UMC 817.99, the Division shall be notified immediately of any such failure and the operator is to comply with recommendations of the Division. Upon conducting my inspection of the minesite on March 30, 1982, I was informed by SUFCO's Kerry Frame of the situation at hand. It is evident that the Division was not notified of this failure.

However, SUFCO contracted Dames & Moore, Consulting Engineers, to analyze the slope failure problem and give recommendations to stabilize and prevent further slippage. I requested a copy of the Dames & Moore report be sent to the Division for two reasons. First, this report would inform all Division personnel of the situation at this mine. Secondly, the Division, after reviewing this report, could agree with the recommendations of Dames & Moore or provide additional alternatives to alleviate the problem. I feel the Division should review this report at the earliest possible time and decide whether SUFCO acted in the best interest of all parties involved to meet the requirements of UMC 817.99, Slides and Other Damage.

cc: Inspection Staff

KW/btb