

October 5, 1982

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Southern Utah Fuel Company
SUFCO Coal Mine
ACT/041/002
Sevier County, Utah

SUFCO has submitted the attached plan for mining under Quitchupah Creek. The plan was received on September 7, 1982 but due to an administrative misfiling, it was never reviewed for adequacy and compatibility with the original mine plan. The oversight was brought to the staff's attention by Ken Wyatt on September 23, at which time the letter was found in the mine plan correspondence file. Although the letter indicated that mining beneath the stream would take place "within the next two months", the staff was informed by Ken Wyatt that mining beneath the stream would commence within the week. This hardly afforded the staff adequate time for a review even if the plan had been circulated when received.

The submission was found to be lacking a map, which was possibly lost in filing. A copy was requested from Kerry Frame at SUFCO. Upon receipt of the map the submission was reviewed for compatibility with the original mine plan. Since mining has already commenced under the stream it seems a moot point but the plan is as originally presented in the mine plan and adequate protection seems to have been afforded the stream buffer zone.


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