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Dr. Dianne Nielson, Director  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Dr. Nielson:

OSM has completed a review of the draft Final Technical Analysis (FTA) for Southern Utah Fuel Company's Convulsion Canyon Mine, submitted by Susan Linner of your office on December 22, 1983. Certain problems remain with the FTA which must be resolved before the permitting process can conclude.

Specifically, the FTA submittal contains four permit conditions (stipulations). Two of these permit conditions (817.56 and 817.111 - .117) involve baseline data which must be submitted prior to permit approval, and cannot be made a condition of the permit. Until these conditions are resolved, the findings required under UMC 786.19(a), (b), and (c) cannot be made.

Permit condition 817.56 concerns design specifications, calculations, and monitoring plans for diversions and sediment control structures as they relate to reclamation of fill areas. Permit condition 817.111 - .117 concerns seed mix revisions in response to Utah Division of Wildlife comments, formal commitment to carry out the reclamation plan as outlined in the application, and additional detail regarding seeding dates, mulching practices, and reference area commitments as well as consolidation of the proposed reclamation plan. The applicant must resolve the issues addressed in these permit conditions before the permitting process can be completed.

Other issues which should be resolved in the FTA submittal, and the details of the aforementioned permit conditions will be verbally discussed with Susan Linner by Walter Swain and Louis Hamm of the OSM/WTC staff.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to call either Walter Swain or Louis Hamm at (303) 837-3806.

Sincerely,

Allen D. Klein  
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