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DIVISION OF OIL  
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Ken Payne  
V.P. & General Manager  
Southern Utah Fuel Co.  
P. O. Box P  
Salina, Utah 84654

Re: Mine Water Discharge  
Total Dissolved Solids

Dear Mr. Payne:

We have reviewed your June 4, 1984 letter regarding the total dissolved solids violations for the Southern Utah Fuel mine water discharge. We have also reviewed the company's April, May, and June NPDES discharge monitoring reports.

It appears that there were no significant TDS violations in April, May, or June. Although your letter includes a request for a temporary TDS variance for the mine water discharge, there was insufficient information to complete the evaluation in accordance with the Colorado River Basin intercepted groundwater policy. Because of the lack of significant noncompliance and insufficient information we do not consider that a variance is appropriate at this time.

We request that the company submit the additional TDS information on the sediment pond inflow as mentioned in your June letter. We also request that information on the regeneration brine be submitted to this office. The information on the brine should include flow rate, concentration and evaluation of the septic tank and drainfield capacity.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these matters.

Sincerely,

Steven R. McNeal  
Environmental Engineer  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control

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cc: Coastal States - Keith Welch  
EPA/Denver - Water Management  
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