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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. Ken Payne
Southern Utah Fuel Company
P. O. Box P
Salina Utah 84654

Dear Mr. Payne:

RE: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N85-6-7-1,
ACT/041/002, Folder #8, Sevier County, Utah

The undersigned has been appointed by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under UMC/SMC 845.11-845.17.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. This violation was issued by Division Inspector Barton Kale on June 21, 1985. Rule UMC/SMC 845.2 et seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information, which was submitted by you or your agent within 15 days of receipt of this notice of violation, has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this proposed assessment, you or your agent may file a written request for an assessment conference to review the proposed penalty. (Address a request for a conference to Ms. Jan Brown, at the above address.) If no timely request is made, all pertinent data will be reviewed and the penalty will be reassessed, if necessary, for a finalized assessment. Facts will be considered for the final assessment which were not available on the date of the proposed assessment, due to the length of the abatement period. This assessment does not constitute a request for payment.

Sincerely,

Mike Earl

Mike Earl
Assessment Officer

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Enclosure

cc: D. Griffin, OSM Albuquerque Field Office
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3. Would or did the damage or impact remain within the exploration or permit area? No

	RANGE	MID-POINT
Within Exp/Permit Area	0-7*	4
Outside Exp/Permit Area	8-25*	16

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 9

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS Although inspector indicates that flow could have at times reached the stream the violation was assessed at lower end of scale based on the low volume.

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement? _____

	RANGE	MID-POINT
Potential hindrance	1-12	7
Actual hindrance	13-25	19

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS _____

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 24

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE;
 OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE;
 OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

		MID-POINT
No Negligence	0	
Negligence	1-15	8
Greater Degree of Fault	16-30	23

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Negligence

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 3

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS Plans for treating the subject area had been submitted to the Division for approval at the time of inspection. However operator should have been aware of his compliance responsibility to control runoff.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO -EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

- Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
- Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

Difficult Abatement Situation

- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
- Extended Compliance 0
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? Difficult ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS At the time of this assessment the NOV had not been terminated and information for good faith was not available. Operator was required to submit plans and upon approval would have to order materials.

V.	<u>ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR</u>	<u>N85-6-7-1</u>
	I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>0</u>
	II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>24</u>
	III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>3</u>
	IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>27</u>
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	<u>\$ 340</u>

Mike Earl

ASSESSMENT DATE July 17, 1985 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Mike Earl

X PROPOSED ASSESSMENT _____ FINAL ASSESSMENT