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Dr. Dianne R. Nielson  
State of Utah  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
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Dear Dr. Nielson:

We have received from you on August 31, 1987, a one volume copy of Southern Utah Fuel Company's (SUFCo) proposed waste rock disposal site, PRO/041/002-1. The site is located on private land out of the jurisdiction of the BLM as the surface management agency. The proposed action has some indirect effects on the resource recovery and protection plan. SUFCo has been placing waste rock generated during mining operations in unused mine entries and crosscuts. The continuation of this storing over the life of the mine could jeopardize access to coal reserves left in pillars adjacent to stored waste rock. Though most waste rock contains very little coal, the possibility of spontaneous combustion in waste rock piles is real and could be a hazard. For these reasons, we recommend the waste rock disposal site be approved and made part the MRP. Should you have any questions, please contact Brent Northrup at this office or Stephen Falk at the Price BLM office.

Sincerely yours,

District Manager

cc: SD, (U-921)  
OSM, Denver  
Southern Utah Fuel Co., Salina, Utah

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