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Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg  
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RE: Southern Utah Fuel Company,  
New Ventilation Portal

Dear Mr. Hedberg;

On behalf of the Division of Environmental Health, I have reviewed Southern Utah Fuel Company's request to construct a new ventilation portal in Quitchupah Canyon, Convulsion Canyon Mine, for environmental health concerns.

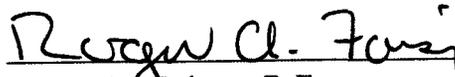
The proposal, as I understand it, involves the construction of a new mine portal to be used for ventilation and emergency escape. When the portal is opened, a pad will be constructed for future installation of a ventilation fan. The disturbed area will involve approximately 0.10 to 0.25 acres. No water is to be discharged from this portal.

Because of the limited area affected, surface runoff and erosion potential should not increase significantly. However, because the proposed portal is located adjacent to Quitchupah Creek, special consideration should be given to the possibility of increased surface runoff and erosion in the area draining to the creek. They will need to be aware of any change in the quality of water in the creek because of restrictions already in place. For this reason, we would ask that SUFCO be required to notify us when construction is underway, so that we may follow-up on this concern.

Otherwise, there seems to be nothing else proposed which should have an effect on surface water, drinking water or ground water; nothing which will produce any type of wastewater; no solid or hazardous wastes produced; and no apparent effect on air quality.

We appreciate receiving this plan for review of environmental health concerns. If we can be of further help with this particular proposal, please call at 896-5451.

Sincerely,



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District Engineer

cc: Walt Baker, Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
Bob Lowe, R.S., Central Utah District Health Dept.  
Dale Parker, Division of Environmental Health