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Dear Lowell:

We have reviewed PAP Amendment, Request to Construct New Ventilation Portal, Quitchupah Canyon, Southern Utah Fuel Company, Convulsion Canyon Mine, ACT/041/002-87B, Folder #2, Sevier County, Utah.

The legal description discussed in SUFCO's November 24, 1987, submittal is incorrect. The location shown on the maps is actually the SE-1/4 of the SW-1/4 of Section 29, T21S, R5E, SLM, rather than the SW-1/4 of the SE-1/4.

which is correct?

The ventilation portal and pad lie on private surface owned by Coastal States Energy Company, however, if not properly constructed, the facility could affect Quitchupah Creek downstream on National Forest System lands. The facility appears to lie within the floodplain, therefore, it must be properly designed to protect it from erosion and flooding and to prevent pollution and changes in velocity to the drainage.

The maps and narrative are not adequate for evaluation. The narrative does not describe whether or not surface access to the pad will be necessary. Map 3 does not show sufficient detail to determine the elevations of the portal, pad, or edge of the fill slope relative to the elevation of the stream channel. More detail is needed and cross-sections should be provided.

Since construction of a fan is anticipated in the future, the pad should be adequately constructed to accommodate the future fan and any other needed support facilities such as a generator and fuel tanks, and prevent any potential spills.

If surface access across National Forest System land is needed, Forest Service permits will be required.

If you have any questions, please contact the Forest Supervisor's Office in Price.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. H. Boley".

WILLIAM H. BOLEY
Acting Forest Supervisor