



Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
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October 26, 2000

Mr. Mike Herkimer
Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Quality
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RE: NPDES PERMIT UT-0022918

Dear Mr. Herkimer:

According to the conditions of NPDES Discharge Permit UT-0022918, Part II-I-3 and Utah Coal Mining Rules R645-301-731.223, Canyon Fuel Company provided written notification on October 18, 2000 of a failure to comply with the daily maximum limitation for Iron at outfall 003. The receiving stream for outfall 003 is Quitchupah Creek.

The daily maximum limit for iron of 1.0 mg/l was exceeded because the first test of the sample taken on September 20, 2000 had an iron value of 1.12 mg/l. The cause of this high iron appears to have been due to a lab error. Our lab, Mountain States Analytical had enough of the September 20, 2000 sample to do a retest and the second time the sample had an iron value not detected above the Minimum Detection Limit (MDL) of 0.2 mg/l (See attached analytical report pages). Most of the samples for iron at point 003 have not been detected above the MDL of 0.2 mg/l.

Sincerely,
CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC
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Wesley K. Sorensen, P.E.
Technical Services Manager

Encl.

cc: Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
EPA - Water Management Division
Ken May
Chris Hansen

Client: Mr. Mike Davis
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Project: Canyon Fuel Company
Project ID:
Purchase Order: 7226-0

Report Number: 0009247-1
Date Reported: 10/09/00
Work Order: 0009247
Lab Sample ID: 0009247-01B
Client Sample ID: PT003092000
Date Collected: 09/20/00
Date Received: 09/21/00 13:05
Matrix: Water
COC ID: 21111

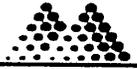
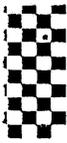
Parameter	Result	MDL	PQL	Units	DF	Date Analyzed	Analyst
SW-846 3005A: Flame/hrICP Prep, Water							
Prep Batch ID: 4017						09/27/00 13:47	LC
SW-846 6010B: Metals by ICP, Water							
Iron	1.12	0.2	1	mg/L	1	10/05/00 17:55	MM

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 E - Result is outside of quantitation range
 R - RPD outside normal precision limits
 * - Result is greater than the associated action level



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To: Mike Davis
From: Rolf Larsen
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Subject: 0010131 (relog for iron)

Message

Mike - I think you will like this result much better. Not sure what the heck happened there but metals is usually right on the money with these reruns. Something wierd must have occurred.

-Rolf

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Analytical Report

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Parameter	Result	MDL	PQL	Units	DF	Date Analyzed	Analyst
SW-846 3005A: Flame/ICP Prep, Water							
Prep Batch ID: 4167						10/13/00 14:01	LC
SW-846 6010B: Metals by ICP, Water							
Iron	U	0.2	1	mg/L	1	10/16/00 15:33	MM

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