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Mr. Don Ostler, Director
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RE: NPDES PERMIT UT-0022918

Dear Mr. Ostler:

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 is providing the written notification of a failure to comply with the daily maximum limitation for TSS at outfall 002. The receiving drainage for outfall 002 is East Spring Canyon.

The daily maximum limit for TSS of 70 mg/l was exceeded because the sample taken on February 7, 2001 had a TSS value of 95.3 mg/l. Under Part I-D-3, a settleable solids sample with a daily maximum limitation of 0.5 mL/L should have been taken with this snowmelt runoff event instead of the total suspended solids limitation contained in Part I-D-1 but was not taken. The outflow was 21.7 gpm when the sample was taken. This high TSS value is believed to be caused by the sediment pond being frozen over. With the ice on the pond we have not been able to open the decant valve with the handle frozen in the ice to decant the sediment pond and the pond has filled up and is discharging from snowmelt. The inflow is running onto the ice on the pond and doesn't have the retention time to settle out the solids. This TSS value will also cause the seven and 30 day averages to be exceeded as well. The results of the February 7, 2001 sample were obtained by fax on February 20, 2001 at 3:50 p.m.

To correct this problem we have chipped the ice away from the handle of the decant valve this morning so that it could be opened to decant the pond to discharge the water in the pond that is under the ice. Another sample was also taken at this time and the results will be forwarded as soon as we receive them.

Sincerely,
 CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC
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