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January 28, 2002

Mr. Don Ostler, Director  
 Department of Environmental Quality  
 Division of Water Quality  
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RE: NPDES PERMIT UT-0022918

Dear Mr. Ostler:

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*1/04/002*

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 TDS at outfall 003. The receiving stream for outfall 003 is Quitchupah Creek.

The daily maximum limit for TDS of 1200 mg/l was exceeded by the sample taken on January 16, 2002 with a TDS value of 1240 mg/l. This value is slightly higher than the December 19, 2001 TDS value of 1210 mg/l. The cause of this high TDS is believed to be associated with poor water quality from the old 3 West area. The 4 East longwall block was sealed during September. This resulted in a temporary cessation of flow from this area, since the pumps were removed and the area is being allowed to flood. Water will eventually be discharged from the lowest seal point in our East Mains once the area is flooded. We began to mix low TDS water with the water from the 3 West area on January 14, 2002. We expect that the slight increase in TDS is associated with flushing high TDS water from the large underground sump in 5 North. Adjustments will be made to increase the amount of low TDS water being introduced into the 5 North sump. The results of the January 16, 2002 sample were obtained by e-mail on January 28, 2002.

Sincerely,  
 CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC  
 SUFCO Mine

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