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May 21, 2003

Mr. Don Ostler, Director
 Department of Environmental Quality
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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 maximum seven-day average 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 not exceeded because the sample taken on May 7, 2003 had a TSS reported value of 45.6 mg/L. But, this TSS value will cause the seven-day average of 35 mg/L to be exceeded since this was the only sample taken during that week. Under Part I-D-3, a settleable solids sample with a daily maximum limitation of 0.5 ml/L should be taken with a snowmelt runoff event instead of the total suspended solids limitation contained in Part I-D-1. The settleable solids sample taken had a reported value of <0.11 ml/L. The outflow was 25 gpm when the sample was taken. The high TSS value is believed to be partially caused by the 0.28-inch rain and snow precipitation event received on May 5, 2003. This rain and snowmelt runoff drained into the sediment pond the two days before this sample was taken and the sediment pond water discharge didn't have the retention time to settle out the solids. This TSS value could also cause the 30-day average limit of 25 mg/L to be exceeded as well.

The results of the May 7, 2003 sample were reported to Mike Herkimer by telephone on May 20, 2003 within 24-hours of receiving the sample results by Mike Davis.

Another sample was taken on May 21, 2003.

Sincerely,
 CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC
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