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RE: Request for Suspension of East Fork of Box Canyon Flow and Subsidence Monitoring Program

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Canyon Fuel Company LLC, Sufco Mine, respectfully requests the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining allow the mine to temporarily suspend the East Fork of the Box Canyon flow and subsidence crack monitoring program as outlined in the mine's Mining and Reclamation Plan (Appendix 3-10 of the MRP). As you are aware, on November 2, 2004 Steve Fluke of your staff and Tom Lloyd of the Manti-LaSal National Forest met with Mike Davis of Sufco, Chris Hansen of Canyon Fuel Company, and Erik Petersen of Petersen Hydrologic, Inc. to access the conditions of the East Fork of Box Canyon Creek following mitigation efforts conducted in October. There was flow in the stream but the snow and ice made the access, observation, and monitoring difficult. Because of early winter conditions, the group decided that access to the monitoring sites is problematical, the snow and ice in the stream bottom made meaningful monitoring and observation difficult, continued monitoring at this time of the year was not worth the safety risks to the monitoring personnel and should be suspended until spring 2005 when conditions are safer and better access and data can be obtained.

Sufco proposes that the East Fork of Box Canyon monitoring program be temporarily suspended until the spring of 2005. The actual date to revisit the monitoring sites will depend upon the snowmelt on the Pines plateau and in the canyon bottom. Sufco will monitor the access to the area and alert the appropriate agencies when it is reasonable and safe to re-enter the area. At that time, a suitable follow-up monitoring schedule would be agreed upon by the interested parties and implemented.

Sufco appreciates your help and consideration of this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mike Davis at (435) 286-4421.

Sincerely,
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