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March 16, 2005

Mr. Jeff Studenka  
 Department of Environmental Quality  
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RE: NPDES PERMIT UT-0022918

Dear Mr. Studenka:

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 seven-day average limitation for TSS at outfall 003. The receiving drainage for outfall 003 is Quitcupah Creek.

The daily maximum limit for TSS of 70 mg/L was not exceeded because the sample taken on March 1, 2005 had a TSS value of 53 mg/L. This TSS value will cause the seven-day average limit of 35 mg/L to be exceeded since this was the only sample taken during that week. The outflow was 3745 gpm when the sample was taken. The reason for the high TSS value is unknown since the water comes out of a sealed settling reservoir gob area in the mine. A cave in of the old workings stirring the water up behind the seal could have caused this.

Another sample was taken on March 16, 2005 that looked normal. The lab has been notified to rush this sample result to verify if we still have a problem.

The results of the March 1, 2005 sample were reported to Jeff Studenka by telephone on January 16, 2005 within 24-hours of receiving the sample results from the lab by Mike Davis.

Sincerely,  
 CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC  
 SUFCO Mine

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 Technical Services Manager

cc: Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
 EPA - Water Management Division  
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