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Mr. Steve McNeal
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
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Room 410
150 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

RE: Utah Coal & Energy
Black Hawk Mine
ACT/043/001
Sec. 36, T. 3N., R. 6E.
Summit County, Utah

Dear Steve:

On the afternoon of March 28, 1979, Doug Stewart and I performed an inspection of the Black Hawk Mine in Summit County. At that time we observed runoff, originating from snowmelt, flowing across surface work areas containing stockpiled equipment. This runoff was flowing at a rate of approximately three gallons per minute toward Chalk Creek. As the runoff contained sediment and especially hydrocarbons (oil, grease, hydraulic fluid) I feel your Division should investigate and take appropriate action for possible pollution of Chalk Creek.

The Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining issued an abatement order halting mining activities on February 28, 1978. The Division is presently re-searching enforcement measures to correct the problem.

Sincerely,

K. MICHAEL THOMPSON
ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

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cc: Office of Surface Mining, Denver