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FROM: James S. Leatherwood *JSL*

Re: Citizens Complaint, Summit Coal Company, Boyer Mine, ACT/043/008, Folder No. 7, Summit County, Utah

The Division received two (2) anonymous citizens complaints July 7 and July 8, 1987. Both complaints were in regards to improper disposal of coal waste materials. Both callers stated that the dumping occurred between 50 North and 100 North, behind Tarmens Market between the railroad tracks and the reservoir at Coalville, Utah. On July 9, 1987 Dave Darby and James Leatherwood of the Division inspected the alleged dumping site. We found that there was no recent dumping of any coal waste materials. Approximately five (5) cubic yards of sand and gravel have been recently stockpiled at the site. The sand and gravel did not contain any coal materials.

Rosemary Elorreaga of the Division was contacted by the first citizen who stated that offsite disposal of coal waste materials from the Boyer Mine had taken place. He also stated that the disposed materials were being buried with sand and gravel after disposal of the coal waste. The second complaint was taken by Mr. Joe Helfrich of the Division. The second caller stated that coal waste was being disposed of and buried with sand and gravel, noting that he was unclear as to the identification of the truck owner or driver. The second citizen also stated that he saw Richard Blomquist dispose coal waste a year ago at the same location. The unidentified second caller said that he had witnesses to the improper waste disposal operation, however was negligent in detailing any specific names.

During the inspection of the alleged disposal area it was evident that waste disposal had occurred historically. Coal waste was evident, however vegetation was growing through and in the waste materials. There were no signs of any recent physical stress to the vegetation as one would expect if waste materials were recently disposed.

cc. L. Braxton
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