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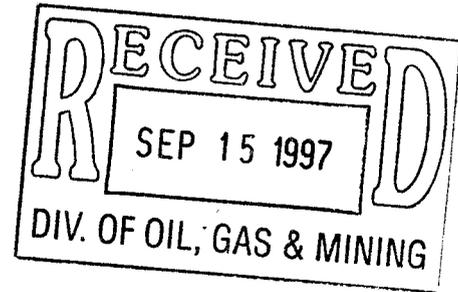
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TO: File

Thru: Joe Helfrich, Permit Supervisor-Compliance *gh*

From: Stephen Demczak, Reclamation Specialist *SD*



Re: Pond 004A Sediment Placement, White Oak Mining and Construction, White Oak Mines, ACT/007/001-97B, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

The proposed change to White Oak Mine was assigned for review on September 11, 1997; review must be completed by September 18, 1997.

The information found in the proposal is considered adequate and meets the engineering requirement of the R645 coal rules.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

ENGINEERING:

The sediment pond 004A is projected for clean-out in September 1997. The permittee is requesting permission to slurry this material underground. This slurry would be permanently stored underground.

The permittee has sent a request to MSHA to pump slurry and water underground.

Finding:

The sediment pond 004A needs to be cleaned out. It is presently at the clean out level.

The permittee has requested permission from MSHA to pump water and slurry underground to. This is a requirement of R645-301-513.600.



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The sediment pond clean out material would be classified as overburden, as described in the R645 Coal Mining Rules, Revision date of November 1, 1996.

“Overburden”- means material of any nature, consolidated or unconsolidated, that overlies a coal deposit, excluding topsoil.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that ACT/007/001-97B is to be approved. It meets the engineering requirement of the R645 Coal Rules.

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