

September 3, 2003

TO: Internal File

THRU: MaryAnn Wright, Associate Director of Mining  
Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Priscilla W. Burton, Environmental Scientist III/Soils

RE: Technical Field Visit, Status of Train Wreckage Adjacent to Substitute Topsoil Stockpile, Lodestar Energy, Inc., White Oak Loadout, C/007/001

**Other Attendees:** None

**Date & Time:** August 27, 2003, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**PURPOSE:**

To observe the progress of the salvage of train wreckage and removal of coal from the "Vegetation Supporting Material" stockpiled for the reclamation of the White Oak Loadout.

**OBSERVATIONS:**

On August 8, 2003, Paul Donnelly, Director of Track Maintenance, SLC office of Union Pacific Rail Road was contacted for more information about the railroad's plans to clean up the coal at the site (595-3440). He indicated that Durbano Metals (Ogden, UT) would clear the site of all rail, ties, cars, coal, and coal waste. (The waste would be taken to E.C.D.C. in Sunnyside, Utah.) According to Mr. Donnelly, the railroad right of way is 25' from the centerline of the track. Mr. Donnelly questioned whether the Kiscaden reclamation contributed to the derailment.

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**TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT**

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Three locks were on the chain, each lock supplied access to the site. At the time of the field visit, there was no activity at the site and no sign that any contractor might return to the site. Durbano Metals (phone: 621-5221) had cleared the steel wreckage from the vicinity of the railroad tracks and the entrance gate. The tractor was removed from the entrance gate as well.

Debris still remained from replacing the tracks. The piles of coal, railroad ties, and gravel still cover the substitute topsoil stockpile for a length of about 195 feet.

Photographs of the site were taken and are in the mine images folder under the file name 08272003.

Recent reclamation of the site has produced a stand of grasses that have gone to seed; among them are barley and wheatgrass.

**RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS:**

A September 3, 2004, message left with Mr. Paul Donnelly was returned by Ms. Laura Gibson, of the Claims Department Union Pacific RR (595-3381). The message was forwarded to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining for response.