

WATER QUALITY MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

THRU: James D. Smith, Permit Supervisor *DS 12/30/09*

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RE: 2009 Third Quarter Water Monitoring, Castle Gate Holding Company, Castle Gate Mine, C/007/0004-WQ09-3, Task ID #3374

The Castle Gate Mine is inactive, mostly reclaimed, and is awaiting appropriate conditions to apply for Phase II Bond Release.

Pertinent water monitoring requirement information is in the MRP in Sections 7.5-1 and 7.5-3, and table 7-16.

1. Was data submitted for all of the MRP required sites? YES NO

Springs –

The Permittee is not required to monitor any springs at the Castle Gate Mine.

Streams –

The Permittee is required to sample four intermittent/ephemeral streams (B-11, B-12, B-28, B-45) for flow, and the laboratory parameters outlined in Table 7-16 each quarter.

The Permittee monitored all streams as required during this quarter on September 29, 2009; none were flowing.

Wells–

The Permittee is not required to monitor any wells at the Castle Gate Mine.

UPDES–

There are no active UPDES sites at the Castle Gate Mine.

2. Were all required parameters reported for each site? YES NO

Not applicable. There was no flow at any of the four stream sites.

3. Were any irregularities found in the data? YES NO

There was no flow at any of the four stream sites.

4. On what date does the MRP require a five-year re-sampling of baseline water data.

The MRP does not require a five-year re-sampling of baseline water data.

5. Based on your review, what further actions, if any, do you recommend?

No further actions are required at this time.