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TO: Susan Linner, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Randy Harden, Reclamation Engineer

RE: South Fork Portal Breakout, Skyline Mine, Southern Utah Fuel Company, ACT/007/005/88B, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

The following review comments are made with regard to Skyline's third submittal for the South Fork breakout (dated September 16, 1988):

UMC 817.13 - .15 Casing and Sealing of Exposed Underground Openings - JRH

The operator has adequately referenced those sections in the exiting plan regarding the temporary and permanent closure of the portals. The operator has committed to reclaim the portals in accordance with the requirements as described in the mining and reclamation plan. This is considered to be adequate.

UMC 784.13 Backfilling and Grading - JRH

The operator has indicated that coal materials excavated from the portal breakout development will be removed from the site. Consequently, there is a shortage of fill material available during reclamation. The operator has indicated that the material required to reclamation the site in accordance with the regulations will be derived from a slash area along the access road and to the northeast of the portal breakout.

Discussions with the USFS have indicated utilization of the slash area for borrow material is acceptable to them. The Forest Service has further indicated that the existing road in South Fork will be reclaimed upon cessation of mining operations in accordance with the land use agreement. In those areas which are incorporated into the permit area, the operator shall be required to include the road and the slash area into the disturbed area for the South Fork breakout. That part of the road which is not part of the permit area but on forest service property will be reclaimed in accordance with the land use permit with the forest service.

In consideration of these additional requirements, the following stipulation shall apply:

Stipulation UMC 817.101-(1) - JRH

The operator shall be required to revise the mining and reclamation plan to incorporate those sections of the South Fork Access Road and the slash area to be utilized as a borrow area for the portal breakout into the disturbed area boundaries for the permit. The operator shall submit revised drawings incorporating these facilities into the plan and modify the mining and reclamation plan to include this area. Inclusion of these facilities shall be accomplished in conjunction with the five-year permit review and shall be submitted to the Division with information required by the November 1, 1988 deadline.

UMC 800 Bonding - JRH

Information regarding inclusion of the South Fork portal breakout shall be required in conjunction with the requirements of permit renewal process. It is felt by the Division that the additional bonding amount required for the inclusion of these facilities into the plan is not significant enough to require separate additional bonding at this time. However, the operator should be aware that this area will need to be incorporated into the disturbed area identified in Exhibit "A" of the surety bond and the surety company should be made aware of the increase in disturbed area liability.

The Division shall require that a Reclamation Agreement be submitted for the revision of any bonding or insurance revisions. This form allows for revisions and tracking of the bonding and insurance process throughout the life of the mine. A copy of this Reclamation Agreement has been included in anticipation of such changes to the bond amount during the permit renewal process. This Reclamation Agreement will only be required upon the determination of a revised reclamation bond amount by the Division and is not a part of or a requirement for the approval of the South Fork facilities.

cc: B Team
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