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Utah Coal Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
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Re: Third Quarter 2000 Gob Pile Report (Waste Rock Site), Skyline Mine,

ACT/007/005

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed with this letter the Third Quarter 2000 Gob Pile Report for the Skyline Mine, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC. During this quarter, no waste material was hauled to the site. The sediment pond at the site was cleaned out this year and the sediment from the pond placed in the northeastern portion of the pile. Additional rip rap was placed in the inflow channel of the pond and erosion damage to the channel was repaired. No other modifications were made at the site.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call me at (435) 448-2620.

Sincerely,

Chris D. Hansen
Environmental Coordinator
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

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INSPECTION AND CERTIFIED REPORT ON EXCESS SPOIL PILE OR REFUSE PILE

Permit Number	ACT\007\005	Report Date	28 September 2000
Mine Name	Skyline Mines		
Company Name	Canyon Fuel Company, LLC		
Excess Spoil Pile or Refuse Pile Identification	Pile Name	Skyline Waste Rock Site	
	Pile Number	NA	
	MSHA ID Number	42-01566	
Inspection Date	28 September 2000		
Inspected By	Douglas E. Johnson		
Reason for Inspection (Annual, Quarterly or Other Periodic Inspection, Critical Installation, or Completion of Construction)		Quarterly	
		Attachments to Report? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

Field Evaluation

1. **Foundation preparation, including the removal of all organic material and topsoil.**
Removal of topsoil and vegetation had been completed prior to the first quarter of 2000.

2. **Placement of underdrains and protective filter systems.**
No underdrains are present or required at this site.

3. **Installation of final surface drainage systems.**
Existing surface is not at final contour. Therefore, final surface drainages have not yet been constructed. The existing surface drainage system includes a temporary ditch on the north side of the pile that captures undisturbed runoff from the drainage to the east of the site, the AML reclamation slopes north of the site, and the runoff from the ditch embankment. Runoff in the temporary ditch is treated through a straw bale dike before discharge. All other surface runoff from the refuse pile is treated by the sediment pond. Runoff from the main access road below the sediment pond is treated by straw bale dikes.

4. **Placement and compaction of fill materials.**
No waste rock was hauled this quarter

5. Final grading and revegetation of fill.

Contemporaneous reclamation of the waste rock pile is taking place as the site is backfilled with waste rock. The backfill slopes are built to 1 1/2h:1v or less and seed as described in the final reclamation seed mix is planted after the placement of soil on top of the waste rock.

6. Appearances of instability, structural weakness, and other hazardous conditions.

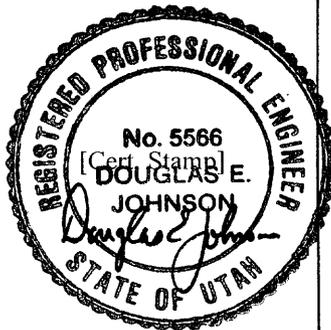
No signs of apparent instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions were noted. The pond has been cleaned out again and the riprap in the channel discharging into the pond has been repaired.

7. Other Comments. Describe any changes in the geometry of the Excess Spoil/Refuse Pile structure, instrumentation, average and maximum lifts of materials placed in the pile, elevations of active benches, total and remaining storage capacity of the structure, evidence of fires in the pile and abatement of such fires, volumes of materials placed in the structure during the year, and any other aspect of the structure affecting its stability or function which has occurred during the reporting period.

The pile has a remaining storage capacity of approximately 55,531 tons. The total storage capacity as designed is 334,125. No evidence of fire was noted during the inspection.

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that; I am experienced in the construction of earth and rock fills; I am qualified and authorized in the State of Utah to inspect and certify the condition and appearance of earth and rock fills in accordance with the certified and approved designs for this structure; that the fill structure has been maintained in accordance with approved design and meet or exceed the minimum design requirements under all applicable federal, state and local regulations; and, that inspections and inspection reports are made by myself and include any appearances of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions of the structure affecting stability.



By: DOUGLAS E. JOHNSON, MGR TECH SERVICES
(Full Name and Title)

Signature: Douglas E. Johnson Date: 11-7-00

P.E. Number & State: 5566 UTAH