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Dan Meadors
Skyline Mine Manager
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
HC 35 Box 380
Helper, Utah 84526

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Copy from Dan
Mary Ann*

Re: Approval of the Minor Modification to start to develop Main Entries off of the 1st West Main to access the Winter Quarter Tract in the Skyline Mine #3.

Dear Mr. Meadors:

Background: On May 24, 2002 BLM received a request to modify the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan from Canyon Fuel Company, LLC. The modification requested permission to drive a 5 entry system of main entries starting at cross cut 15 and ending at cross cut 19 in the first west mains. These entries would be driven north to access the Winter Quarters tract of coal. The decision was made by Canyon Fuel Company LLC., not to continue to mine to the west due to the amount of water that they had encountered. A hydrological report was done on the Flat Canyon Tract which indicated that water would continue to be a major concern. Canyon Fuel Company LLC., has decided to now start to mine to the north and access the Winter Quarters Tract while further investigation is done on the Flat Canyon Tract.

Approval: BLM verbally approved this modification on May 24, 2002. This confirms the verbal approval. This approval is only for the first 8 crosscuts on the north mains off of 1st West in the Skyline Mine #3.

NEPA: This approval is Categorically Excluded as a minor modification to an existing mining plan because there will be no new surface disturbance in this area as stated in, Overview of BLM's NEPA Process, February 1997, Appendix 2, page 2-7 (F)(7).

Conditions of Approval: BLM requires Canyon Fuel LLC., Skyline Mine, to submit a modification showing the following for the access into the Winter Quarters tract.

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- 1) An overview map of the proposed mining showing the coal thickness. This map must be certified by a Professional Engineer and have the signature of the mine geologist,
- 2) A separate map indicating mining sequence of the CM advance, by cut number,
- 3) Details of all entries showing height and width,
- 4) Pillar sizes,
- 5) Typical roof support,
- 6) Mining method. (Are all entries going to be cut with the continuous miner or will there be some drilling and shooting of the rock?). If rock is to be stored, show the location of the rock rooms in which it will be stored.
- 7) Projected run-of-mine (ROM) ash content out of this section and
- 8) Location of belt drives, rock rooms or sumps (if any),
- 9) Timing map of mining sequence,
- 10) Projected air quantities and pressures (in water gauge) available at the neck-off of the main entries off of 1st West.

In addition, the following is requested for approval for the remainder of the Winter Quarters tract:

- 1) An overview map of the proposed mining showing the coal thickness and projected geological features. This map must be certified by a Professional Engineer and have the signature of the mine geologist,
- 2) Basis for geologic features,
- 3) Layout of the longwall panels and entries,
- 4) Typical gateroad and bleeder pillar designs,
- 5) Mine timing and sequence,
- 6) Projected ROM ash content of each panel or an ash map showing projected amounts of ash expected in the mining horizon,
- 7) Description of how the new ventilation plan will work when the mine is switched over to the exhausting fan.

If you have any questions, please call Stan Perkes at 539-4036.

Sincerely,

James F. Kohler
Chief, Solids Minerals Branch

Enclosure
Approved Mine Map

cc: Price Field Office
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Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, DOGM, P.O. Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah,
84114-5801 (Attn. Mary Ann Wright)

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COAL CHANNEL
IN FLOOR,
MAY BE LESS THAN
3 FT. THICK

ROCK SPLIT

C-16
C-15
C-14
C-13
C-12
C-11
C-10
C-9
C-8
C-7
C-6
C-4
C-3
C-2
C-1

MINING PLAN APPROVED BY
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Recommended By:
S. [Signature] May 28/02
Mining Engineer (Date)

Approved By:

Manager (Date)

1 WEST MAINS

WEST MAINS

CHANNEL SANDSTONE IN ROCK

25 C-24 C-23 C-22 C-21 C-20 C-19



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MINE 5 LEVELS
NORTH MAINS
/ COAL ISOPACH

CF Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
Skyline Mines

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SCALE: 1" = 200'