

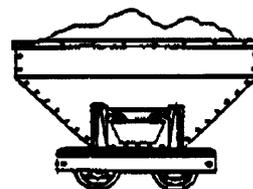
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Mr. Dan Meadors  
General Manager  
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC  
P.O. Box 719  
Helper, Utah 84526-0719

Re: Skyline Mine, Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), Minor Modification Request,  
Federal Coal Leases U-044076, Lower O'Connor "B" Seam,

Dear Mr. Meadors:

By letter dated March 29, 2003, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received the written request from Canyon Fuel Company (CFC) concerning the request to modify the approved mining plan (R2P2) for the Skyline Mine. The modification request involves the installation of the JC-3 mine dewatering well. Your letter correctly pointed out the typographical error in the regulatory citation. The correct citation is 43 CFR 3842.2 (c) (2).

The development of the mine dewatering well JC-3 will be into and through the 10 left mine workings in Skyline Mine, Level 2 in the Lower O'Connor "B" seam. The well will be outfitted with a deep well pump designed to lift up to 4,700 gallons per minute from the 10 Left mine workings into an existing pipe. The pipe will carry water from the JC-3, along with water from existing JC-1, some 3000 feet to a point below the high water mark of Electric Lake where the combined waters will be discharged.

The proposed change, as approved, will have no effect on the recoverable reserve base. The reserves are located in the lower O'Connor "B" Seam in Federal coal lease U-044076.

BLM has analyzed the requests and the results of the analysis are as follows:

- > The results of our analysis indicate that the proposed minor modification to the Skyline Resource Recovery and Protection Plan is approved subject to the following Conditions of Approval and as submitted including the Alternative for grouting the annulus below the mine works to the bottom of the drill hole. This Alternative grouting is to ensure the water source is from the mine workings as currently being pumped from the mine. It (the Alternative grouting) also protects the Flat Canyon coal seam.

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This approval is Categorically Excluded as a minor modification to an existing mining plan because there is 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:**

1. In the completion of the JC-3 well, the plan will include grouting the annular space between the outer casing and the borehole, from the bottom of the coal seam (mine workings) to total depth.
2. CFC will submit within 30 days of completion of drilling activities, two copies of a final report on the completion of the dewatering well (as drilled).
3. The Price Field Office representative representing the BLM shall be notified 24 hours prior to setting surface and/or intermediate casing and plugging of wells, so that the BLM may arrange to be present. The cement slurry mixture used to plug and seal the drill holes shall be mixed in compliance with standard cement mixing tables (e.g. Haliburton). The Authorized Officer must approve any variance from this procedure in advance. In addition, periodic drilling updates on the weekends will be required if the drilling is nearing the cementing phases, so that representatives of the BLM will be made aware of progress.
4. Canyon Fuel Company is responsible to see that all personnel contracted or otherwise doing work on the drilling program are aware of these approval requirements and abide by all regulations governing this program. Any changes to the approved drilling plan must receive approval from the Authorized Officer prior to implementation.
5. Any other information requested by the Authorized Officer.
6. Hydrologic reports using the attached form.

The BLM has determined that this change to the Mining Plan (R2P2) with the conditions of approval, is in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and stipulations, and will achieve maximum economic recovery (MER) of the Federal coal.

For further information, contact Mr. George Tetreault at (435) 636-3604, or Don Stephens at (435) 636-3608.

Sincerely,



for James F. Kohler  
Solid Minerals Branch Chief

**2 Enclosures**

1. BLM Stipulations (3 pp)
2. Forest Service Stipulations (2 pp)

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**REPORT OF WATER OBSERVED**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Lease/License Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Drill Hole Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Depth: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Drilling Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Company Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Hole: T. \_\_ S., R. \_\_ E., Section \_\_: \_\_ 1/4 \_\_ 1/4 \_\_ 1/4  
Hole Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ Hole Diameter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Drilling Method: \_\_\_\_\_  
Static Water Level: \_\_\_\_\_

**Aquifer No. 1**

Depth Below Ground Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ Formation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rock Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Yield(GPM): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Reported to BLM\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Requirements of BLM\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Sample Provided to BLM? \_\_\_\_\_

**Aquifer No. 2**

Depth Below Ground Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ Formation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rock Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Yield(GPM): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Reported to BLM\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Requirements of BLM\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Sample Provided to BLM? \_\_\_\_\_

**Aquifer No. 3**

Depth Below Ground Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_ Formation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rock Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Yield(GPM): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Reported to BLM\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Requirements of BLM\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Sample Provided to BLM? \_\_\_\_\_

\* Refer to Stipulation Number 7

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