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File in:

 Confidential Shelf Expandable

Refer to Record No 0015 Date 03042004

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For additional information

March 4, 2004

Mr. Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor
 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
 Utah Department of Natural Resources
 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
 PO Box 145801
 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Re: Modification to the Skyline Mine M&RP to Include the Abandonment of Mining Machinery, Approximately 82 K-B Longwall Shields in Mine 2; Mine 2, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC Skyline Mine, C\007\005

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Skyline Mine respectfully requests the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining consider this submittal to modify the Mining and Reclamation Plan to include the location of approximately 82 K-B longwall shields to be abandoned in Mine #2. These shields became trapped in their stored locations after a recent roof fall occurred in the main haulage way near the head of the 6 Left "B" panel. Supporting the roof after the collapse resulted in a significant narrowing of the main haulage way. The shields are too large to safely move through this narrowed entry.

Enclosed is an updated map, which we have submitted in the past, titled "Mine 3, Level 2 and 3, Abandoned Mining Equipment Locations", Drawing 2.3.6-3. It illustrates equipment that has been abandoned in the mine since 1999, and shows where the shields are located in the cross-cuts of the 6 Left "B" panel.

The mining machinery to be abandoned includes:

Eighty-two (approximately) longwall roof supports manufactured by Kloeckner-Becorit. The roof supports are classified as 2-leg, 680-ton, G-shaped shields with rigid base and rigid canopy. Each support weighs approximately 19 tons.

No hazardous substances are contained in the equipment to be abandoned. All fluids were removed from the shields prior to their initial storage.

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Page 2-51c of Skyline's PHC (revised 11/20/02) states:

"Periodically due to difficult recovery condition or roof collapse, mining equipment is abandoned underground. Prior to leaving equipment underground, hazardous materials and lubricating fluids are drained when possible. Since the equipment is steel and not too different compositionally from the roof support throughout the mine, contamination to ground water from abandoned equipment is not anticipated. A map illustrating the location of equipment left underground is provided as Drawing 2.3.6-3. The drawing includes a description of each piece of equipment."

We believe this existing statement in the PHC adequately describes this situation and that no further modifications to the PHC are needed.

Completed C1/C2 forms and seven copies of the revised Drawing 2.3.6-3 necessary for this permit modification have been included with this letter. Your review and comments on this permit modification are requested. If you have any questions regarding this modification please contact me at (435) 448-2669.

Sincerely yours,



Chris D. Hansen
Environmental Coordinator

+ Enclosure

APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Exploration Bond Release Transfer

Permittee: Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

Mine: Skyline Mine

Permit Number: C/007/005

Title: Shields in 6 Left Abandoned Equipment Modification

Description, Include reason for application and timing required to implement:
Modify permit to allow for the abandonment of longwall shields.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: _____ Disturbed Area: _____ increase decrease.
 - Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____
 - Yes No 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
 - Yes No 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
 - Yes No 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
 - Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication?
 - Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
 - Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
 - Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
 - Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?
- Explain:* _____
- Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
 - Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2)
 - Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
 - Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
 - Yes No 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
 - Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
 - Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
 - Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
 - Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation?
 - Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
 - Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?
 - Yes No 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
 - Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is on or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five (5) copies, thank you. (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field Office)

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

Dan Meadors
Print Name

Susan Poulson
Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of March, 2004

Susan Poulson
Notary Public

My commission Expires: UT 3-20, 2004 ss:
Attest: State of UT
County of Carbon



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