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Subject: North Lease Full Extraction Mining, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, Permit C/007/0005, Task ID #2246, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Enclosed is the Division's review for the Skyline's full extraction mining within the North Lease area (Winter Quarters Tract) at the Skyline Mine. The Division reviewed the amendment under Task #2246.

Before the Division can approve this amendment, the Permittee must provide the information outlined in the enclosed deficiency list, in accordance with the R645 Coal Mining Rules cited. For clarification or more information, you can contact the Division specialist whose initials are at the end of each deficiency.

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Draft Technical Memos and a draft TA have been prepared, but final versions of these documents will not be prepared until all technical deficiencies have been resolved.

In order for us to continue to process your application, please respond to these deficiencies by September 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5268 or Wayne Western at (801) 538-5263.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES

R645-301-121.200, The Permittee must use correct citations for the locations of supporting documents. There are citations for the newly submitted documents that refers the reader to App. Vol. A-2, but this volume is filled and more likely the documents will go into App. 2nd Vol. A-2 or a new volume. There is one citation that refers the reader to App. Vol. A-3 (p. 2-71a, #1976). Although the Permittee may want to incorporate this new submittal to that volume it may be more appropriately located in App. 2nd Vol. A-2 or a new volume. Also, there is at least one citation (p. 2-71d (#2248)) that refers the reader to App. Vol. A-3. This citation is actually correct, but the referenced document may be more appropriately located in App. Vol. A-2. If the Permittee decides to leave this document in App. Vol. A-3 the table of contents for that volume needs to be updated. • The Permittee must correct the identical sentences on p. 2-67 (#2248) that pertains to “similar conditions” in the 2002/2003 survey results. The Division has no record of fish surveys conducted in 2002/2003. If the Permittee provided the documents, then the sentences are correct as written. • The Permittee must include the USFS to the list of consulting agencies, e.g., one on p. 2-71a (#1976) and two on p. 2-71b (#1976). • The Permittee must clarify the duration of macroinvertebrate monitoring. Page 2-71a (#1976) states that monitoring will occur every three years for an undetermined time. While page 2-71b (#1976) states that monitoring will occur for two years...unless there are negative impacts caused by subsidence. [JAE]

R645-301-322.100, The Permittee must provide the missing fish survey report. [JAE]

R645-301-522, The plan for maximum economic coal recovery must be updated to include information on the North Lease. [WHW]

R645-301-512.110, The Permittee must have Map 3.3-2, Lower O’Conner “A”/Flat Canyon Five Year Projected Mine Plan, certified. [WHW]