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From: Pam Grubaugh-Littig
To: Mark Bunnell
Date: 8/11/2006 11:32:20 AM
Subject: RE: Minor Coal Exploration, Woods Canyon, Proposed hole E-06

You have verbal approval to proceed.

>>> "Bunnell, Mark" <MBunnell@archcoal.com> 8/11/2006 8:55 AM >>>
Thanks Pam

-----Original Message-----

From: Pam Grubaugh-Littig [<mailto:pamgrubaughlittig@utah.gov>]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 8:54 AM
To: Bunnell, Mark
Subject: Re: Minor Coal Exploration, Woods Canyon, Proposed hole E-06

I'll keep you posted. I've got a call into SHPO...

>>> "Bunnell, Mark" <MBunnell@archcoal.com> 8/11/2006 7:31 AM >>>
Pam:

Just wondering how things are progressing on the plan approval. I hate to be a pest and I do appreciate the work you and your staff are doing on this rush application.

Jerriann and I have been communicating by voice mail and it sounds like all we are waiting for now is SHPO clearance. We are wondering on our end if SHPO actually needs be involved since this is minor exploration and it is on private land. We already have an archeo report with no findings of significance. I recognize that SHPO has 30 days, but in a rush case like this we don't have 30 days to wait for their response, especially just to tell us they agree that nothing is there.

As of today I am spending \$6000/day in delay time which runs through the weekend. If I wait until Monday to start I will have spent about \$18000 waiting for SHPO to agree that nothing is there. The drill site is located on a sagebrush side slope and our actual soil disturbance is hand leveling of two 12 ft. long by 6" wide strips of soil for placement of the drill subframe and, of course, the drillhole itself. The actual drill rig does not contact the surface. The containment tarp beneath the rig is hung from the bottom of the subframe so in most cases it doesn't even contact the surface. We have completed 5 holes this year on our exploration license and BLM exploration plan and in every case grass was still standing beneath the rig when we pulled off. This

method of drilling is as close to non-surface disturbing as possible. Any impacts temporary.....usually within weeks it becomes difficult to find the drillsite.

My biggest concern is not the delay expense but after about Wed. or Thurs. of next week I will lose the helicopter and we will have to pull out of the area. Helicopters are hard to come by that can do this type of work and when we have one we have to keep it busy or the companies move on, especially this time of year.

If I lose this opportunity I will have to reapply to build a road to the site. We have an opportunity here to drill a hole with almost no surface disturbance. We can be in and out in about 5 or 6 days if we don't have drilling problems. Based on information we obtained from holes drilled over the past few weeks, this hole has become crucial to our mine planning and economics.

If there is any way to get this project approved today it would really help us.

Thanks,

Mark

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