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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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April 4, 2007

TO: Internal File

THRU: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor 

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RE: Dugout Receiving Skyline Waste Rock, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, C/007/0005, and Task ID #2776

SUMMARY:

On March 28, 2007, the Division received an application to allow the Permittee to ship coal processing waste generated at an offsite wash plant to the Dugout Mine for final disposal. The proposal is similar to that granted to allow the Permittee to ship 1,000 tons of high ash coal to a wash plant for a test wash.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

OPERATION PLAN

COAL RECOVERY

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 817.59; R645-301-522.

Analysis:

The Permittee met the requirements of this section. The plan to send high ash coal to a wash plant will allow the Permittee to market coal that would otherwise be non-economical to mine or the coal would be sent to the waste rock disposal site.

Findings:

The information in the proposed amendment is adequate to meet the requirements of this section.

SPOIL AND WASTE MATERIALS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 701.5, 784.19, 784.25, 817.71, 817.72, 817.73, 817.74, 817.81, 817.83, 817.84, 817.87, 817.89; R645-100-200, -301-210, -301-211, -301-212, -301-412, -301-512, -301-513, -301-514, -301-521, -301-526, -301-528, -301-535, -301-536, -301-542, -301-553, -301-745, -301-746, -301-747.

Analysis:

Coal Mine Waste

The Permittee met the requirements of this section. The Permittee provided a tracking system for coal processing waste that will result from coal processing (wash plant) at a third party site. The Permittee will ship high ash coal to a third party wash plant where the coal will be separated from the reject material. The Permittee will sell the coal as product and ship the reject material to a permitted disposal site such as the Dugout Canyon Mine's waste rock site.

Findings:

The information in the proposed amendment is adequate to meet the requirements of this section.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Division should approve this amendment.

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