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Skyline Mine

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Daron Haddock
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RE: Equipment Abandonment in Coal Lease UTU-67939 of the North Lease area, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, C/007/005,

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Skyline Mine is currently mining in the 2 Left longwall panel on the subject lease. During the mining of the panel, several roof control problems were experienced with the longwall, including two occasions when the longwall had to be shutdown to implement additional roof support to reduce uncontrolled caving. Each time, extreme exposure of personnel to falling roof, heavy lifting, and unfamiliar tasks were experienced during the repairs of the roof. Additionally, there has been a need to modify the mining schedule to allow for running the longwall six days per week to keep up with the poor roof conditions.

Due to the hazards inherent in recovering longwall equipment, especially shields, from a longwall section, Skyline Mine is requesting permission to leave 148 Gullick-Dobson shields in place when mining of the 2 Left section is complete. All other equipment associated with the longwall will be recovered. Prior to leaving the equipment underground, hazardous material will be drained from it when possible.

While mining the 2 Left panel, several shields were damaged, including two which physically broke in half, in the several roof falls which occurred in the panel. (These two shields have been temporarily reconnected but such reconnection exposed maintenance personnel to significant risk of injury while making the fixes.) Examination of the remainder of the shields reveals damage to many of them in the connections between the caving beam and the main canopy, the same failure mode that occurred with the two broken shields. Should poor roof conditions continue in the 3 Left panel, additional unpredicted structural repairs of the shields will further jeopardize personnel.

Section 2.5.2 - Hydrological Impacts of Mining located in the currently M&RP addresses the abandonment of equipment. Plate 2.5.2-1 - Abandoned Mining Equipment Locations (formerly mis-labelled as 2.3.6-3) has been modified to include the equipment currently proposed for abandonment. A copy of the map will also be included in the 2008 Annual report.

Please find enclosed with this letter, modifications to the M&RP which include: 1) Plate 2.5.2-1 Abandoned Mining Equipment Locations (formerly Plate 2.3.6-3; and 2) Page 2.51c of Section 2.5 of the M&RP renaming the Abandoned Mining Equipment Locations plate.

The submittal includes completed C1 and C2 forms, four (4) copies of both clean and redline versions of the text modifications, and two Compact Discs (CD) of the information.

Your prompt consideration of this request would be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me at (435) 448-2636.

Sincerely,

Gregg A. Galecki
Environmental Engineer, Skyline Mine
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

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: Abandoned Equipment

Description, Include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Equipment to be abandoned in the 2 Left Longwal panel.

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.

Wesley K Sorensen
Print Name

Wesley K Sorensen 3/13/08
Sign Name, Position, Date
(General Manager)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of March, 2008

Kathleen Atwood
Notary Public

My commission Expires: _____
Attest: State of Utah } ss:
County of Carbon



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