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Mr. Gregg Galecki  
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Subject: Determination of Administrative Completeness for Winter Quarters Ventilation Facility, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, C/007/0005, Task ID #3504, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Galecki:

The Division has completed a review of the information you submitted on March 24, 2010 revising the Skyline Mine plan to include the Winter Quarters ventilation facility. This application is considered to be administratively complete. A technical review of your plan has been initiated. Technical deficiencies, if any, will be forwarded to you as reviews are completed. The Division will also coordinate with other agencies and incorporate their comments into our review process. Issues raised will need to be resolved prior to approval of permit revision.

At this time you should publish a Notice of Significant Permit Revision for changing the Skyline plan to include the Winter Quarters ventilation facility as required by R645-300-121. A copy of the publication should be sent to the Division as soon as it is available. You should also insure that a copy of the application is on file at the Carbon County Courthouse. The Division will complete a technical review, which must find that your application is technically complete. We look forward to working with you throughout the permitting process. Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help in the permitting process.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock  
Permit Supervisor

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cc: Price Field Office  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS REVIEW WORKSHEET  
(R645-100)**

**DATE:** March 29, 2010

**REVIEWER(S):** Daron R. Haddock, Jim Smith, Ingrid Wieser, James Owen, Priscilla Burton, April Abate,

**APPLICANT:** Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

**MINE NAME:** Skyline Mine **FILE NO.:** C/007/005--Task #3504

**"Administratively Complete Application"** means an application for permit approval or approval for coal exploration, where required, which the Division determines to contain information addressing each application requirement of the State Program and to contain all information necessary to initiate processing and public review.

**Directions:** The categories listed below correspond to the minimum requirements for information necessary to initiate processing and public review. If a category is checked the Applicant has met the Completeness requirement for that category. If a category is not checked, the Completeness requirements have not been met. The comments column will identify the deficiency and what is necessary to correct it.

			Comments
301-112	Identification of Interests	<u>X</u>	This application is a revision to an existing operating mine. Ownership and Control information does not change as a result of this application.
100	Applicant's Business Structure	<u>X</u>	Existing mine
210	Applicant's Name/Address/Phone	<u>X</u>	Existing mine
220	Resident Agent's Name/Address/Phone	<u>X</u>	Existing mine
230	Name/Address/Phone of AML Fees Payer	<u>X</u>	Existing mine
300	Corporate Structure & Ownership	<u>X</u>	Existing mine
400	Identify Other Mining Operations in US	<u>X</u>	Existing mine
500	Surface & Mineral Ownership	<u>X</u>	DWG. No. 1.6-1 and DWG. No. 1.6-2 show this.
600	Ownership Contiguous to Permit	<u>X</u>	DWG. No. 1.6-1 and DWG. No. 1.6-2 show this.
700	MSHA Numbers	<u>NA</u>	
800	Interest in Contiguous Lands	<u>NA</u>	This application is a revision to an existing operating mine.

301-113	Violation Information	<u>NA</u>	This application is a revision to an existing operating mine.
100	Suspension or Revocation Information	<u>NA</u>	
300	List of Violations - <b>3 Previous Years</b>	<u>NA</u>	

301-114	Right of Entry	<u>X</u>	Section 114 shows the right of entry information. Entry to the Winter Quarters area is granted through a deed from the Allred Family Trust.
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301-115	Status of Unsuitability Claims	<u>NA</u>	There are no claims of Unsuitability.
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301-116	Permit Term	<u>NA</u>	This application is a revision to an existing operating mine. The Permit Term will not change.
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301-117	Insurance	<u>NA</u>	Since this is an existing mine the insurance is already in place. Nothing new is required.  A proposed public notice was included in the application. The proof of publication will be submitted after it is published.
	Proof of Publication	<u>X</u>	
	Facilities and Structures Used in Common	<u>NA</u>	

301-118	Filing Fee	<u>X</u>	Existing mine paid with original application,
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301-123	Notarized Signature of Responsible Official	<u>X</u>	Application signed by Wes Sorensen, Mine Manager.
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301-130	Information Collection: <b>Technical Data Accompanied by Names of Persons or Organizations that Collected and Analyzed the Data - Dates of Collections - and Analysis of the Data and Description of the Methodology Used to Collect and Analyze Data</b>	<u>X</u>	
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301-200	Soils	<u>X</u>	
211	Description of Pre-mining Soil Resources	<u>X</u>	
221	Prime Farmland Investigation	<u>X</u>	Section 2.14 and Vol. 2 App. A-2.
222	Soil Survey	<u>X</u>	The soil survey is found in Vol 2. App A-2.
224	Substitute Topsoil Info (When Proposed)	—	N/A
230	Operation Plan <b>Topsoil Handling/Removal/Storage</b>	<u>X</u>	pg. 2-120c, ASCA Area 37 described on page 3-72b, Plate 3.2.4-3A & E, Section 4.6.1
240	Reclamation Plan <b>Soil Redistribution/Stabilization</b>	<u>X</u>	Table 4.6-4, Sec. 4.4.6, Plate 4.4.2-3A & B

301-300	Biology	<u>X</u>	
320	Vegetation Information	<u>X</u>	Baseline vegetation sampling of the proposed disturbed area and the reference area was submitted including measurements for productivity, cover, density and community type.
322	Fish and Wildlife Information	<u>X</u>	Fish and wildlife information submitted includes surveys for aquatic wildlife, raptors, elk and mule deer.
323	Maps/Photos <b>Vegetation-Fish-Wildlife Areas</b>	<u>X</u>	Vegetation map 2.7.1-1a depicts vegetation of the proposed area, macroinvertebrate sample locations are depicted on plate 2.8.1-1. Several wildlife maps are included with the wildlife reports.

330	Operation Plan <b>Vegetation-Fish-Wildlife Protection</b>	<u>X</u>	Wildlife protection has been addressed in the included wildlife survey reports. Locations of the surface disturbances have been positioned to protect aquatic wildlife.
341	Reclamation Plan for Revegetation	<u>X</u>	Revegetation seedmixes and timetables are included in the application
342	Fish & Wildlife Plan for Reclamation Phase	<u>X</u>	This plan was included with the original permit application. No spatial wildlife buffers exist within the proposed disturbance area. Raptors and aquatic wildlife will continue to be monitored throughout the permit area.

301-400	Land Use and Air Quality	<u>X</u>	
411	Pre-Mining Land Use Information <b>(Includes Cultural Resources)</b>	<u>X</u>	Premining land use information and a map is included in the application. Cultural resource information was submitted with the application and includes a mitigation plan.
412	Post-Mining Land Use Information	<u>X</u>	The postmining land use will remain the same as the premining land use. Reclamation methods to achieve the land use has been discussed.

301-500	Engineering	<u>X</u>	
510 520	General Description of Operation Plan <b>(Maps, Locations, Cross-Sections, Narrative, Descriptions &amp; Calculations)</b>	<u>X</u>	
522	Coal Recovery Description	<u>NA</u>	
523	Mining Methods	<u>NA</u>	
524	Blasting and Explosives Plan	<u>NA</u>	
525	Subsidence Control Plan	<u>X</u>	appendix A-3, dwg 2.3.6-2, dwg 4-17.3-1A, dwg 4.17.5-1
526	Mine Facilities Description <b>(Narrative, Plans, Maps)</b> <b>Including Existing Structures &amp; Support Facilities</b>	<u>X</u>	
527	Transportation Facilities <b>(Including Plans &amp; Maps)</b>	<u>X</u>	des/dwg 3.2.4-3E

528	Coal Mine Waste Plans <b>(Description &amp; Designs)</b>	<u>X</u>	pg.4-30
529	Management of Mine Openings <b>(Design)</b>	<u>X</u>	
531	General Plans for Structures	<u>X</u>	
532	Sediment Control	<u>X</u>	Section 3.2/Section 4.13/Sec 24
533	Impoundments	<u>X</u>	Section 3.2/Section 4.13

301-534	Roads <b>(Plans, Drawings, Designs, &amp; Specifications)</b>	<u>X</u>	
535	Spoil	<u>X</u>	
536	Coal Mine Waste	<u>X</u>	
537	Regraded Slopes	<u>X</u>	section 4.4.2. Grading and Final Contour
540 541-542	Reclamation Narrative, Maps and Plans	<u>X</u>	dwg 4.4.2-3A
551	Casing and Sealing <b>Underground Openings</b>	X	Section 4.9, page 4-62 - new shaft/slope backfilling addition
553	Backfilling and Grading Description	<u>X</u>	Section 4.9, page 4-62 - new shaft/slope backfilling addition

301-600	Geology	<u>X</u>	Reviewed by A. Abate
621	Description of Geology <b>(Permit &amp; Adjacent Area)</b>	<u>X</u>	Existing Permit - information is already part of the MRP.
622	Geologic Cross-Sections, Maps, and Plans	<u>X</u>	Included for the technical review
630	Plans for Casing and Sealing Holes	<u>X</u>	Included for the technical review

301-700	Hydrology	<u>X</u>	
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721	Description of Hydrologic Resources <b>(Permit and Adjacent Area)</b>	<u>X</u>	The EarthFax Report contains additional discussion of the hydrologic resources.
722	Cross-Sections and Maps <b>Subsurface Water - Surface Water - Monitoring Stations - Wells</b>	<u>X</u>	
723	Sampling and Analysis	<u>X</u>	Covered in current MRP
724	Baseline Information <b>Ground Water - Surface Water - Geology - Climatological &amp; Supplemental; If Needed</b>	<u>X</u>	Climatology in existing MRP; the submittal contains additional information on geology, surface and ground water
728	PHC Determination	<u>X</u>	Increased flow and acid- toxic-forming materials discussed
730	General Operation Plan <b>Minimize Disturbance to Hydrologic Balance &amp; Compliance with Clean Water Act</b>	<u>X</u>	
731	Ground and Surface Water Protection	<u>X</u>	
732	Ground and Surface Water Monitoring	<u>X</u>	

301-740	Plans and Designs <b>Operation and Reclamation Plan Sediment Control Measures</b>	<u>X</u>	
	Siltation Structures	<u>X</u>	
	Sediment Ponds	<u>X</u>	
	Other Treatment Facilities	—	NA
	Diversions	<u>X</u>	
	Road Drainage	<u>X</u>	
	Impoundments	<u>X</u>	
	Discharge Structures	<u>X</u>	
	Disposal of Excess Spoil	—	NA
	Coal Mine Waste	<u>X</u>	
	Disposal of Non-Coal Mine Waste	<u>X</u>	In current MRP
	Casing and Sealing of Wells	<u>X</u>	

301-800	Bonding and Insurance	<u>X</u>	
820	Applicant <b>Have Adequate Bond at Permit Issuance</b>	<u>X</u>	The revised cost estimate shows a difference of 1.61% from what is currently posted. The cost estimate will be verified during the technical review.
830	Bond Estimate and Calculations Provided	<u>X</u>	Section 4.3 has been revised to show the additional bond cost for the Winter Quarters facility.
890	Certificate of Insurance Provided	<u>X</u>	Operating mine- Previously covered.

302-200	Special Categories of Mining	<u>NA</u>	
210	Experimental Practices Mining	<u>NA</u>	
220	Mountaintop Removal Mining	<u>NA</u>	
230	Steep Slope Mining	<u>NA</u>	
240	Auger Mining	<u>NA</u>	
250	In Situ Processing Activities	<u>NA</u>	

302-260	Coal Processing Plants <b>(Not Located Within Permit Area of Mine)</b>	<u>NA</u>	
270	Variances From Approximate Original Contour Restoration Requirements	<u>NA</u>	
280	Variances for Delay in Contemporaneous Reclamation Requirement in Combined Surface and Underground Coal Mining Activities	<u>NA</u>	
290	Small Operator Assistance Program <b>(SOAP)</b>	<u>NA</u>	

302-300	Special Areas of Mining	<u>X</u>	
301	Prime Farmland	<u>X</u>	NRCS made determination that there is no prime farmland in December 2008.

302	Alluvial Valley Floors	<u>X</u> The site of the proposed activity is not an alluvial valley floor (MRP, Section 2.12).
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