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Corey Heaps, Mine Manager
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
HC 35 Box 380
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Subject: Vegetation Updates, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Skyline Mine, C/007/0005,
Task ID #5178

Dear Mr. Heaps:

The Division has reviewed your application. The Division has identified deficiencies that must be addressed before final approval can be granted. The deficiencies are listed as an attachment to this letter.

The deficiencies authors are identified so that your staff can communicate directly with that individual should questions arise. The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Steve Christensen
Permit Supervisor

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Technical Analysis and Findings

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

PID: C0070005
TaskID: 5178
Mine Name: SKYLINE MINE
Title: VEGETATION UPDATES

Environmental Resource Information

General

Deficiencies Details:

The amendment does not meet the State of Utah R645-300-143 requirements for complying with the permit. Prior to approval, the Permittee must conduct one reconnaissance visit during 2016 to validate the adequacy of the proposed reference site specific to the vegetation community with which it shall be compared Upon selection of the site, a GPS location shall be collected and located on plate 2.7.1-2.

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Vegetation Resource Information

Deficiencies Details:

The amendment does not meet the State of Utah R645-301-300 requirements for vegetation resource information. The following deficiency must be addressed prior to final approval:

R645-301-300; R645-301-323.100: Prior to approval, the Permittee must identify precise reference locations that will be used to measure success standards at the time of bond release. These locations must be identified by the vegetation community which they will be referenced. Using best technology currently available, these locations shall be GPS marked to facilitate future navigation to the site.

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