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TO: John Whitehead, Permit Supervisor

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RE: Incidental Boundary Change at Coarse Refuse Toe Area, Kaiser Coal Corporation, Sunnyside Mine, ACT/007/007, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Synopsis

The operator submitted a request for approval of an incidental boundary change near the coarse refuse toe pond. Disturbance consequent to pad construction, removal of the old pond, and slope recontour work is scheduled for reclamaton in the fall of 1988. The approved interim seed mix will be used. Due to Kaiser Coal Corporation's financial problems, approval has been requested to roughen the seedbed, seed, mulch, and tackify with hand methods -- rather than hiring a reclamation contractor to hydro-seed and mulch, as was prescribed in the reclamation plan.

Recommendations

I recommend approval of the request, so long as the operator reclaims in late fall and abides by MRP commitments to:

1. disk or scarify the soil (page III-57),
2. add necessary soil nutrients (page III-56),
3. use the interim seed mix (Table III-49),
4. mulch with native hay at a rate of two tons/acre (page III-59), and
5. crimp mulch in place and/or tackify with a liquid, organic tackifier (page III-59).

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