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RE: Denial of Water Well Amendment, Sunnyside Coal Company, Sunnyside Mine, ACT/007/007-94E, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

The Division received on May 27, 1994, an application for a permit change to incorporate a deep production water well into Sunnyside's Permit. The production well is designed to provide water to the Sunnyside Cogeneration Power Plant and is characterized as not Mining Related.

If indeed the proposed well and associated pipeline are not related to mining they would not need to be incorporated into the permit area. They would only need to be identified and mapped in Sunnyside's plan. No additional disturbed area would be involved, nor would designs for topsoil storage and protection be required. This activity would be similar to a utility corridor that is not mining related and therefore not permitted. However, if Sunnyside's reclamation plan is altered or could be affected as a result of the proposed activity, this would also need to be identified.

One issue that is not clear in the application is the proposed use of Pond 001. It appears that SCA plans to use the pond. This use is not contemplated in Sunnyside's plan and would not be allowed unless there is specific transfer of that facility to SCA. (This may include UPDES permitting as well.) Sunnyside is currently responsible for the reclamation of that pond.

RECOMMENDATION

There are essentially two reasons why this application should be denied. 1) Additional disturbed area should not be added to Sunnyside's Permit. 2) Use of pond 001 is not adequately described.

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