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RE: Noncoal Waste Disposal Plan Response  
Hiawatha Complex  
ACT/007/011  
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Semborski:

The Division has reviewed your most recent response to our September 28, 1981 letter regarding U.S. Fuel Company's plan for disposal of noncoal wastes at the Hiawatha Mining Complex.

The Division is issuing conditional approval for the five (5) sites as designated on the maps submitted, but in accordance with U.S. Fuel's acceptance and response to the following stipulations:

1. In regard to the statement provided by U.S. Fuel on page one (1), reason #1, concerning storage and disposal of noncoal waste material to be taken to a sanitary landfill:

What types of material are being disposed of at the "landfill"? Are or have any of these waste materials been classified or designated as hazardous or toxic according to State Health and/or EPA definition and regulation? If the answer is affirmative, then specific permit(s) for handling storage and disposal (temporary and permanent) of these materials should be obtained from these agencies.

There are state and federal provisions whereby certain types of solid and liquid wastes which are utilized or generated by mining operations, (including coal operations) that are uniquely characteristic to that mining operation, may be granted a variance or exemption from these regulations.

A listing of these materials and the criteria defining the exemption(s) is available from the Utah State Department of Health, Bureau of Solid Waste Management.

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What landfill site is being utilized? Does U.S. Fuel need or possess a permit from the local sanitary landfill to dispose of the noncoal wastes generated at the Hiawatha Mining Complex?

2. In reference to the response provided on page two (2), answer #1:

The interpretation of regulations is incorrect. UMC 817.89(a) states: A-Noncoal waste shall be placed and stored in a controlled manner in a designated portion of the permit area, and B-Placement and storage shall ensure that leachate and surface runoff do not degrade surface or ground water. This does not infer that the entire disturbed area may be used as a noncoal waste storage site. With the understanding that mine operators are often limited by space it would be in the operators best interest to use as small an area as possible for noncoal waste storage and to consolidate these materials for ease of handling. Also, the operator is responsible for any materials which hinder the intended disturbed and undisturbed drainage scheme in any way. By consolidating materials in one small area it will reduce the probability of obstructing drainage. Therefore, we cannot approve your request as outlined for utilization of all disturbed areas as storage areas for noncoal materials.

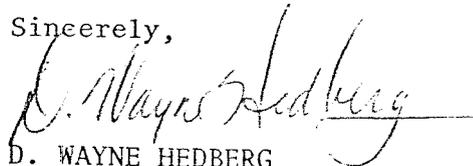
3. In reference to the response as outlined on page two (2), answer #3:

On page 2, it is stated that, "no significant amounts of chemicals, fuels, lubricants, or transformer fluids should be stored in these areas".

A condition of approval for these sites would require that no amounts of these types of material be stored or disposed of in these areas. Some minor amounts of oil and grease from old equipment may be excluded providing they do not present any significant environmental impacts.

If you have any comments or questions pertaining to this conditional approval, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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