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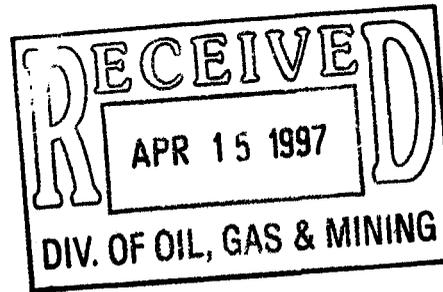
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Utah Coal Regulatory Program
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Attn: Steve Johnson



Re: Drainage Ditch and Pond 5A Designs

ACT/007/011 #2

In response to your technical analysis regarding the previous submittal which addressed hydrology east of the railroad tracks at Hiawatha, United States Fuel Company hereby withdraws that proposed amendment. Instead, U. S. Fuel hereby submits two additional amendments. The first amendment, Drainage Ditch Size Requirements is proposed to replace Appendix VII-19. This will allow for the standardization of hydrologic calculations for ditch designs. The second amendment, Ditch Design During Contemporaneous Reclamation of Ponds 4 and 5 addresses the current design for the ditches and adequacy of Pond 5A for sediment control. Please note that the references to SAE's have been edited to ASCA's.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Watson
President

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Transfer Exploration Bond Release Permit Number: ACT/007/011

Title of Proposal: Mine: HIAWATHA

Drainage Ditch Size Requirements

Permittee: U.S. FUEL

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: In order to standardize the hydrology calculations, Appendix 19 was recalculated.

Instructions: *If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # <u>97A</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities? |

Attach 5 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

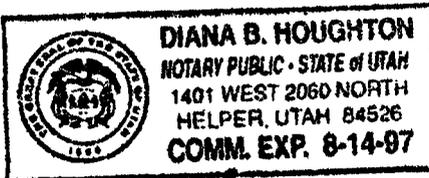
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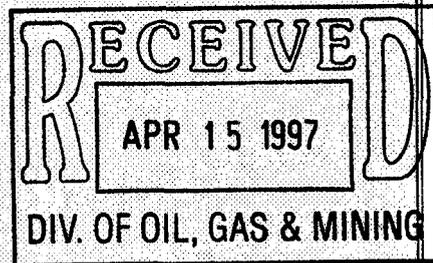
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of April, 19 97.
Notary Public:

My Commission Expires: 8-14, 19 97

Attest: STATE OF UTAH
COUNTY OF CARBON



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