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RE: Proposed Changes to the Postmining Land Use, Nevada Electric Investment Company, Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012-97F, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

Summary:

On August 2, 1997, the Division received amendment 97F for the Wellington Preparation Plant. The Permittee wants to change the approved postmining land use for some areas from undeveloped land to industrial.

Technical Analysis:

R645-301-526 and R645-301-541.300 require the Permittee to include a narrative explaining the removal of mine structure and facilities unless their retention is necessary for the postmining land use. Under the approved MRP the Permittee will reclaim the plant area including the plant railroad track. As part of the change in the postmining land use the Permittee must update the MRP by stating what structures will be left and why.

R645-542.300 requires the Permittee to submit a final surface configuration map and cross sections. The maps and cross section will show the anticipated final surface configuration. Map No 412.01 that was submitted on August 2, 1997 show contours in and around the area whose postmining land use is proposed to change from undeveloped to industrial. Map No 412.01 has what appears to be contour lines but the elevation of the contour lines is not shown. The Permittee must submit an updated map that shows the final reclamation contours.

R645-301-542.600 requires that roads be reclaimed immediately after it is no longer needed for mining and reclamation operations. In section 5.27 of the MRP the Permittee states:

“The haulage road will be retained throughout the life of the coal loadout facilities. Should retention of the road be desired beyond this time, maintenance and drainage control will be provided. Upon permanent termination of all operations within this property, reclamation will be in accordance with pertinent Division rules.”

The Permittee must state what roads will be left as part of the postmining land use. The Division needs to know the location of all roads to be left. The Permittee must also provide the Division with drainage control designs as they have committed to.

Findings:

The Permittee failed to meet the requirements of:

R645-301-526 and R645-301-541.300, by not listing the structures that will be left as part of the postmining land use the Permittee must also show that those structures are needed to support the postmining land use.

R645-542.300 by not providing the Division with a contour map that shows the surface configuration of the industrial site and surrounding area after final reclamation.

R645-301-542.600 by not providing the Division with a description of the roads that will be retained to support the postmining land use and their drainage controls.

Recommendation:

Notify the Permittee of the deficiencies in the submittal and provide them an opportunity to respond.