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RE: Mid-Term Review, Utah American Energy Corporation, Horse Canyon Mine, ACT/007/013-MT, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

Utah American Energy Corporation submitted a revision to the Horse Canyon Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) on March 10, 1999. In a review of that submittal (April 6, 1999), R. Davidson determined that, "There are substitute soil resources and fill materials available within the permit area that need to be identified and used during reclamation of the portal area." On June 22, 1999, a response to R. Davidson's review was received which adequately addresses R. Davidson's concerns.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

TOPSOIL AND SUBSOIL

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 817.22; R645-301-240.

Analysis:

Appendix VII-9, Facilities Area Substitute Topsoil Evaluation Commitment, has been added to the MRP. This amendment describes a plan for evaluating the disturbed soils within the

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Horse Canyon Facilities area. Two years prior to final reclamation of the site, UAE Corp. will conduct a site survey, field and laboratory analysis of the soils as per the Division guidelines. A revision to the reclamation plan (including maps, cross-sections, mass balance calculations) will then be submitted for Division review and acceptance.

Borrow area soils will only be used as a last resort after a soil survey of the facilities area has identified the useful soils available on site.

Findings:

Information provided in the application is considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

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