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for additional information

Assessment submitted in association with the Right-Of-Way applications.

The USFWS recognizes that the permit area is within range of endangered species, including the black-footed ferret, MSO, and the bald eagle (Letter dated February 4, 1998, Appendix 3-3).

Raptor surveys were initiated in 1998 and continue~~d through 2005~~ annually with the exception of 2004. These surveys were initiated before ground-breaking of the Lila project. The results of these surveys are in Appendix 3-5. The entire Book Cliffs escarpment within the permit area was inventoried for cliff nesting raptors. In addition, a 1-mile buffer zone was inventoried around areas of potential development.

None of the Eagle nests in the close proximity to the mines surface facilities (less than 1/4 mile). have~~d~~ been active nor tended ~~in the last three years. However, historically~~from 1998 to 2003. In 2005 nest 946 contained a chick that was possibly dead. Historically one active and one tended Golden Eagle Nest is within close proximity to the mines surface facilities. After consultation with USFW, Laura Roma, UDWR, Chris Colt, and BLM, Dave Mills, it was determined that there was a high probability these nest sites would be abandoned. A cooperative agreement with the regulatory agencies and UEI was finalized and is made part of the mitigation for the Lila Canyon EA. One nest discussed above, also lies in an area of potential subsidence which is a mute point due to its close proximity to the mine site. Since the nests are located so close to the mine surface facility, their future potential use was deemed to be lost and were so mitigated by a prey base off-site vegetation treatment project approved by the USFWS, UDWR and BLM (See page 19 for BLM mitigation information).–

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~~However, if this nest(s) or any future nest is lost as a result of mining activities (subsidence), UEI is committed to working with the Division who will then consult with USFWS and UDWR for mitigation requirements.~~

Prior to construction and during operations UEI will coordinate closely with USFWS, DWR, and the Division to avoid "take" of golden eagles.

The BLM-lead mitigation project is based on the premise that there is sufficient nest sites in the area to accommodate the population base. The limiting factors appears to be available prey base. Mitigation is designed to enhance the prey base while concurrently enhancing habitat for big game, deer, elk, and bighorn sheep.

In addition, there are a number of aquatic Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species associated with the Colorado drainage systems. In the Lila Canyon Permit Area, there are no perennial streams, or ephemeral drainages which are in close enough proximity to perennial streams which could pose a potential threat to any aquatic species.

322.230. All known species or habitats needing special protection under state or federal law have been addressed.

322.300. Adequate copies of the Mine Reclamation Plan have been submitted to the Division to allow for distribution to the Fish and Wildlife Service for their review.

323. Maps or aerial photographs of the permit area and adjacent areas have been provided. Plate 3-1 Wildlife Habitats, is a map that shows all critical habitat, raptor nests and all special habitat features. This plate will be updated on an as needed bases to reflect current conditions such as new raptor nests and/or changes in wildlife use.

existing raptor nests from subsidence. All nests within a ½ mile radius of the surface facilities were assumed lost due to indirect disturbance associated with mine activities. The Lila Canyon EA # UT-070-99-22, outlines mitigation recommended through a cooperative effort between Utah Department of Wildlife Resources, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. where mitigation would be implemented to increase prey base off-site. The construction of alternative nests was considered to be ineffective. Eagle distribution was not limited by suitable nest sites but by available prey.

An MSO two-year calling survey will be completed according to Appendix 3-4. Results as described in Appendix 3-4 will be reported to the Division, UDWR, and USFWS. This two-year survey will include four nigh time surveys with no more than one survey prior to end of April and at least three surveys prior to end of July. Results will be submitted to USFWS, DWR, and the Division immediately following of each nigh time survey. If owls are observed, the agencies will reopen the consultation process immediately following the nigh time survey that observed the owls.

Construction at the mine to upgrade drainage controls and to construct the road will have a minor impact on wildlife in the area. The impact will mainly be increased human activity associated with the construction and a small, less than 42.6 acre, loss of habitat for the mine site, roads and sedimentation pond. These impacts will have little or no affect on the wildlife because they will be completed in an environmentally sound manner.

UEI will instruct all personnel as to current regulations regarding the use of off-road vehicles, firearm regulations, and where current UDWR proclamations are available. This training will be part of the annual refresher offered to all employees. The company will encourage strict compliance with these regulations.

DWR will be notified of any road kills involving large game and request to have them removed to safeguard raptors. Mine personnel will be instructed to remove road kills a safe distance from the road way.

The Lila Canyon Mine has agreed to mitigate the loss of wildlife habitat as well as the potential loss of habitat use due to disturbance.

4. Possible restrictions on firearms on the mine site, and restrictions on off road vehicle usage to lesson disturbance.

5. The Operator will ensure that DWR surveys for cliff nesting raptors within proposed facilities areas at least two years prior and one year following construction. The Division, in consultation with DWR, cleared the two consecutive year requirement if the mine begins construction sometime between 2005 and February 2006. This clearance is because UEI already had eight years of data as well as data for spring 2005. The Operator will continue annual raptor surveys in 2006.

6. An active golden eagle nest, with young, was documented during the 1999 spring raptor survey. The nest is located in the left fork of Lila Canyon within the 1-mile buffer zone. (See Plate 3-1). A consultation with USF&W, BLM, and UDWR was held in the fall of 1999. Line of site and potential mitigation was addressed during this meeting. The results of this consultation are addressed in Sec 322.220 and the Lila Canyon EA. This nest was not active in 2000, 2001, 2002, or 2003. A survey was not done in 2004. In 2005 nest 946 contained a possibly dead chick. (See Appendix 3-5 for updated inventories)

7. The Operator will adhere to exclusionary periods when initiating construction and final reclamation projects. The exclusionary periods include: raptors (Feb 1 - July 1), Bighorn sheep lambing (May 1 - June 15), and Pronghorn (May15 - June 20).

The Applicant does not plan to monitor any wildlife species during the life of the operation with the exception of raptors. Helicopter spring raptor surveys will be conducted at a minimum of a 1-mile radius around any new or potentially disruptive mining activity, 2-years prior and annually after the proposed activity

Permittee will contact the USFWS, DWR, and the Division immediately following raptor fly-over surveys if raptors are observed nesting.

The mine will emphasize their commitment to legal requirements of firearm and off-road vehicle-use by employees. This type of program has been adopted by the operator and will continue throughout the operation. An education program aimed at minimizing potential negative impacts by employees will be presented during the Operators annual retaining programs. Employees will be informed about the wildlife in the area and about which species are protected. They will

County, Utah". This report was written in March 1986 by Don Southworth and Asa S. Nielson for the Mining and Reclamation Plan submitted to the Division by Intermountain Power Agency. A cultural Resource Inventory of the Kaiser Steel Corporation South Lease Mine Property and a Test Excavation (42EM1343 ~~t~~in Emery ~~Col~~County, East Central Utah~~. B~~ conducted by Rebecca Rauch (1981). ~~A~~These and additional ~~inventories were conducted by Montgomery~~survey reports of the area are included in ~~1998 and 1999~~Appendix 4-1.

Detailed archeological ground surveys were conducted at the Lila Canyon mine site and associated disturbed area, by Montgomery Archaeological personnel. This survey was conducted in 1998 and 1999 and is included within Appendix 4-1~~, along with the previously mentioned reports. No additional sites were located during the 1998 or 1999 surveys which would be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.~~

411.141. Historic resources All such sites are depicted on Plate 4-3.

411.141.1 The locations of listed or eligible cultural and historical resources ~~listed~~ in the ~~National Register of Historic Places have been discussed previously in Section 411.140. Detailed descriptions of such sites are presented~~area are discussed in Appendix 4-1~~. All sites are depicted in~~ and shown on Plate 4-3.

411.141.2 No cemeteries are located in or within 100 feet of the proposed permit area.

411.141.3. No land within the proposed permit area is within the boundaries of any units of the National System of Trails or the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

411.142. Within ~~or adjacent to the permit~~ area there are five historic resources that are either on or eligible for listing on the National register. There is one listed site (42EM1222) 2.5 miles from the facility area. One eligible site (42EM1343) has been recovered and

another (42EM2517) will be recovered prior to construction. The other two eligible sites (42EM2255 and 42EM2256) are not expected to be impacted by operations.

SHPO concurs with the Division's determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for 42Em2255 and 42Em2256. The SHPO is aware of the BLM recovery plan for 42Em2517 that will occur after mine plan approval and before construction.

No publicly owned parks or places listed on the National Register of Historic Places would be adversely affected by the proposed coal mine.

411.143. BLM will develop a BLM recovery plan for 42EM2517 that will occur after mine plan approval and before construction.

411.144 Of the ~~eighteen~~nineteen cultural and historical sites identified ~~within~~in th~~e Lila Canyon mine permit~~ area, only one, 42E~~m~~M1222, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This site is approximately 2.5 miles from the surface facility~~. N~~ and therefore, no impacts should occur at this site.

411.200. Previous mining and exploration activities have occurred within the proposed permit area within the last twenty years. In the mid-1950's, the road along the bottom of Lila Canyon was constructed to allow exploration of the resources. The road intersects the Horse Canyon Highway approximately 1.4 miles to the north and loops back to the south to intersect Highway 191 and 6 to the south (see Plate 4-1). Two sealed breakouts (Plate II-2 of Horse Canyon Plan) are located in the left fork of Lila Canyon where the Lila Canyon fan was installed in the 1950's. The Lila Canyon fan was used until the closure of Horse Canyon post 1977, and therefore, the current Coal Regulatory Program has jurisdiction over this disturbance and it is included in the permit area.

411.210. Coal was removed from the outcrop of Horse Canyon and transported back through the Horse Canyon Mine.

additional monitoring for that area will be required.

A ground survey will be performed in conjunction with the quarterly water monitoring program. During the normal water monitoring program any cracks observed will be noted and reported to DOGM.

Two areas of the permit have stream reaches with less than 1,000 feet of cover over the coal seam. As discussed in Section 525.120, it is not envisioned that subsidence will negatively impact these areas. However, during and following mining near these areas, special attention will be paid to these areas during the ground surveys.

The ground survey will consist of walking and photographing the various areas of the surface over the mine where subsidence might occur. If evidence of subsidence is identified, the area of subsidence will be surveyed and the extent of the disruption identified. Depending on the extent and location of the damage, mitigation measures will be reviewed and implemented. Due to the fact that mitigation options change with time as new technology and measures are developed, no specific measures are presented in the application. However, UAE provides a commitment that where subsidence damage affects uses of the surface, the land will be restored to a condition capable of maintaining the value and reasonable foreseeable uses which it was capable of supporting before the subsidence. The surface effects will be repairs as described in Section 525.500.

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has been constructed and maintained as designed and in accordance with the approved plan and the R645 Rules. The report will include discussion of any appearances of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions, depth and elevation of any impounded waters, existing storage capacity, any existing or required monitoring procedures and instrumentation and any other aspects of the structure affecting stability. (See Appendix 5-2 for the inspection form).

A copy of the report will be retained at or near the mine site.

There are no impoundments at this site subject to MSHA, 30 CFR 77.216; therefore, weekly inspections are not required.

Impoundments not subject to MSHA, 30 CFR 77.216 will be examined at least quarterly by a qualified person designated by the operator for appearance of structural weakness and other hazardous conditions.

720. Environmental Description

721. General. The following information will present a description of the existing, pre-mining hydrologic resources within the proposed permit and adjacent areas. This information will be used to aid in determining if these areas will be affected or impacted by the proposed coal mining activities.

The proposed Lila Canyon Mine is located, in the southwestern portion of the Book Cliffs in Emery County, Utah, approximately 2 miles south of the old Horse Canyon Mine, formerly operated by Geneva Steel Company. The proposed mining will be in the Upper (and possibly Lower) Sunnyside Seam of the Blackhawk Formation.

Existing hydrologic resources of the area consist of: Surface water resources - intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow streams; and Groundwater resources - springs and seeps and perched, isolated aquifers. These resources have been evaluated using hydrologic data from the Horse Canyon Mine, water level piezometers, and seep/spring inventory data of the proposed mine and adjacent areas. Plates 7-1 and 7-1A show the locations of the surface drainages, springs and seeps, and piezometers.

722. Cross Sections and Maps

722.100 Subsurface Water. The locations where subsurface water, including springs and seeps, have been identified are presented on Plates 6-5 and 7-1 and data results are included in Appendix 7-1. Relevant cross sections of subsurface water, geology, and drill holes are shown on Plate 6-5. Where sufficient data are available, the seasonal head differences are presented on contour maps (see Figure 7-2A) and on a Piezometer hydro graph plot (see Figure 7-2B).

722.200 Surface Water. Location of all streams and stockwatering ponds or tanks in the area of the mine are shown on Plate 7-1. There are no perennial streams, lakes or ponds known to exist within the proposed permit or adjacent areas.

A new diversion work has recently been constructed by the BLM at the confluence of the Right Fork of Lila Canyon and Grassy Wash. Water from this diversion is directed to the stock pond located in Section 28, T. 16 S., R 14 E. Figure 1 in Appendix 7-9 shows the location of the diversion and the alignment of the diversion channel to the stock pond. Also, the location of the overflow channel back to Grassy Wash is also presented on the figure. No other ditches or drains are known to have been constructed in the area of the mine.

722.300 Baseline Data Locations. Locations of all baseline data monitoring points are shown on Plate 7-1. Baseline water quality and quantity data is included in Appendix 7-1.

722.400 Water Wells. Three wells and three piezometers have been identified in the permit and adjacent areas. Two wells are located within the alluvium of lower Horse Canyon Creek. Three water Piezometers were drilled in the area, IPA #1, IPA #2 and IPA #3, to monitor mine water levels. Drill hole S-32 was drilled and converted to a water monitoring hole by Kaiser in 1981. The details of these wells and piezometers are discussed in Section 724.100 of the application. The location of all these wells and piezometers is shown on Plate 7-1. No information on any other wells has been identified.

722.500 Contour Maps Contour Maps of the proposed disturbed area and mining areas are included as Plates 5-2A, 5-2B, 7-1 and 7-2. These maps use U.S.G.S. based contours and accurately represent the proposed permit

and adjacent areas. Disturbed area maps present greater detail from low-level aerial photography, for greater detail, and are tied to relevant U.S.G.S. elevations to ensure correlation between the maps.

723. Sampling and Analysis

All water quality analyses performed to meet the requirements of R645-301-723 through R645-301-724.300, R645-301-724.500, R645-301-725 through R645-301-731, and R645-301-731.210 through R645-301-731.223 will be conducted according to the methodology in the current edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" or the methodology in 40 CFR Parts 136 and 434. Water quality sampling performed to meet the requirements of R645-301-723 through R645-301-724.300, R645-301-724.500, R645-301-725 through R645-301-731, and R645-301-731.210 through R645-301-731.223 will be conducted according to either methodology listed above when feasible. "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" is a joint publication of the American Water Works Association, and the Water Pollution Control Federation and is available from the American Public Health Association, 1015 Fifteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

724. Baseline Information

This section presents a description of the groundwater and surface water hydrology, geology, and climatology resources to assist in determining the baseline hydrologic conditions which exist in the permit and adjacent areas. This information provides a basis to determine if mining operations can be expected to have a significant impact on the hydrologic balance of the area.

724.100 Ground Water Information. This section presents a discussion of baseline groundwater conditions in the permit and adjacent areas. The data set consists of piezometer, spring and seep inventory data, mine discharge, and mine inflow information from the abandoned Horse Canyon Mine. Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 provide data through the 2002 sampling period. All of these data and other recent data are available in the DOGM electronic database. The data, provided in Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 and the DOGM electronic data base, were obtained from multiple sources, including (but not limited to) on-site sampling efforts, the Horse Canyon Mine P.A.P. filed by Geneva Steel and annual reports, U.S. Geological Survey publications, and various consultant reports. Since not all monitoring parties were required to adhere to UDOGM or SMCRA rules, the laboratory parameters varied between reports. However, the data are still considered valid and

L-6-G through L-10-G have been monitored for baseline in 1993, 1994, and 1995. These sites, along with ~~P~~piezometers IPA-1, IPA-2 and IPA-3, were monitored in December 2000 to determine if they were still viable and to establish a current baseline that will be continuous with operational monitoring.

Sites L-11-G and L-12-G were added in October 2001 to replace sites L-6-G and L-10-G. Sites L-13-S, L-14-S, L-15-S, and L-18-S are being used to determine flow characteristics of the Williams Draw Wash, Wash below L-12-G, Little Park Wash, and Stinky Springs Wash.

Sites L-6-G, L-10-G and L-15-S were determined to either provide no flow data or data that was less representative than the replacement sites and will be suspended from sampling in the 1st quarter of 2003.

Wells. The wells in the mine area consist of two water supply wells, three water ~~monitoring~~level piezometers, and an exploration borehole converted to a monitoring well.

Two wells are located within the alluvium of lower Horse Canyon Creek, near the Horse Canyon Mine. These wells area completed in the aerially small, alluvial aquifer at the mouth of Horse Canyon which contains groundwater likely collect from infiltration of surface flows from the upper Horse Canyon area. As indicated in Section 722.400, the well located near the main Horse Canyon surface facilities, identified as Horse Canyon well on Plate 7-1A, is still open, although not operational at this time. The well was investigated and it was determined that it would not be useful as a ~~P~~piezometer. The pump is sitting on the top of a concrete cap encapsulating the top of the well. The site could not be used as a piezometer without removing the pump. This well will be donated to the College of Eastern Utah as part of the Post Mine Land Use Change. The well located near the road junction, identified as MDC well on Plate 7-1A, is an abandoned well owned by Minerals Development Corporation. This well has been sealed to the operator's best knowledge. No hydrologic data is presently available from either of these wells.

Three water level piezometers were drilled as part of plans to access the Kaiser South Lease by I.P.A. These piezometers were designated IPA-1, IPA-2 and IPA-3, and are located in the Lila Canyon Permit area (see Plate 7-1). IPA monitored these sites for water depth from 7/94 to 4/96. These monitoring results are included in Appendix 7-1 and monitoring points and measured water levels are shown on Plate 7-1. It should be noted that the

monitoring of these holes was done over the 2 3/4 year period to provide baseline data for the South Lease by I.P.A. Monitoring of water depths at these points by UtahAmerican commenced in December 2000 and continued through present. As indicated by the data in Appendix 7-1, the water levels in the holes show very little fluctuation. Levels change from less than 1.2' to a maximum of 21.2' over an eight year monitoring period. Figure 7-2A and 7-2B present the seasonal fluctuations of the water levels as contour maps and hydrographs. Using these water levels, an estimate of the projected water level assuming that the zones from the individual piezometers are connected is shown on Plate 7-1 and the monitoring results are included in Appendix 7-1 - Baseline Monitoring.

The piezometers were installed to provide depth of water only. It is impossible to drop a bailer 1000 feet and withdraw a water sample without contaminating the sample. It has been suggested that sampling pumps be installed on these wells. Appendix 7-11 discusses the difficulties of using pumps and bailers in these wells. Due to limited pump capabilities in a 2-inch diameter well such sampling is not feasible. Therefore the depth and diameter of the piezometers holes make it impossible to use them for baseline quality.

Drill holes S-26, S-27, S-28, and S-31 were cased in 3" PVC pipe with bottom perforations for water monitoring; however, cement seals were faulty, allowing the PVC pipe to fill with cement. Drill hole S-26 was reported dry in the week prior to cementing.

It has been reported by Kaiser that holes within one and one-quarter miles east of the cliff face were drilled with air, mist and foam and did not detect any water in the subsurface with the exception of drill hole S-32. No apparent increase in fluid level could be attributed to groundwater inflow from these holes, some of which were open for two weeks. Exploration drill holes in the South Lease property south of Williams Draw did not encounter groundwater within 1 to 1.25 miles of the coal outcrop. Exploration drill holes in the South Lease property, south of Williams Draw, did not encounter groundwater within 1 to 1.25 miles of the coal outcrop.

S-32 is located approximately three miles south of Lila Canyon and is separated from Lila by at least two known fault systems. The drill log along with the Chronology of Development and Pump tests are included in Appendix 6-1. Water levels measured are shown in the `"Chronology of Development". Water quality analysis for S-32 is also included in Appendix 6-1. The location of S-32 is shown on Plate 7-1. The Permittee visited S-32

Mine Inflow Information. Based on the historic record, water was encountered underground in the Horse Canyon Mine, resulting in outflows from portal areas of approximately 0.2 cfs or 90 gpm. The size of the flows from pumping or from old portal discharges is more the result of the large size of the mine (approx. 1500 ac), rather than the result of intercepting a localized high flowing aquifer. If the flow is distributed over the mine area, the average inflow is about 0.6 gpm per acre. The water encountered was likely discharge from perched aquifers or saturated sandstone lenses encountered during mining, not uncommon in mines in the Blackhawk Formation.

According to mining records of U.S. Steel (previous owner), groundwater was monitored within the Horse Canyon mine in several locations. Generally, the underground flows occurred from roof drips or areas where entries encountered sandstone lenses. As discussed in the Blackhawk Formation description, the inflows were similar to inflows found in other mines along the Book Cliffs. This is thought to represent an interception of an isolated saturated zone in the subsurface. Generally, a saturated, perched sandstone lense which overlies the coal seam is intersected by the mining operation. This provides a flow path for the isolated water in the sandstone lense to drain into the mine. Over time as the volume of water in the sandstone lense decreases, the rate of discharge also decreases. Eventually, the inflow ceases as the available water in the lense is fully drained. This drying up of the inflow is indicative of a very limited recharge to the deep strata in area, which is consistent with the known horizontal and vertical hydraulic conductivity of the Blackhawk Formation.

Flows which issued from rock slopes and gob areas, where roof collapse may have occurred, were ~~small, indicating~~also small. These area would have exposed numerous points for inflow from sand stone lenses, roof bolts, and fractures within the formation. Therefore, it would be likely that if there were large amounts of water stored within the formation, the inflows from these area would have been significantly greater. The lack of these flows from these areas of the mine are a further indication that limited water ~~inflow~~was stored in the formation and that the recharge to the formation from overlying strata ~~occurred~~was also limited.

During the period from 1957 to 1962, an exploration test entry was mined south from the Geneva Mine into the Lila Canyon Area. This entry encountered in-place water, which was allowed to collect in short cuts made into the down dip entry which was sufficient to keep excess water from working areas. The exploration entry was terminated when the Entry fault

was encountered (see Plate 7-1). More than two months was spent drilling to ascertain the nature of the fault and locate the coal seam. During this period, there is no mention in the records of excess water or that water was encountered in the Entry fault area.

There is no estimate of water ~~quantity and~~ quality retrieved while mining the exploration entry other than mentioned above. However, water flow and seeps were reported to be in the range of 1 to 24gpm.

Only when the mine neared the Sunnyside Fault was significant water encountered. The water was initially pumped for use in the water supply system for the mine. When inflows increased beyond in-mine needs, to keep the workings near the Sunnyside Fault from flooding, the mine pumped water collected from this area from the workings during the period 1980 through 1983, prior to suspending operations. The development plan for the mining within the Lila Canyon extension is planned to avoid the Sunnyside Fault. Therefore, the amount of water to be encountered underground will be limited.

The rate of inflow into the Horse Canyon Mine is not precisely known. In U.S. Steel's Permit Application Package (PAP) (1983) they estimated the average discharge from the mine to be 0.2 cfs. Lines and Plantz (1981, p. 32) also estimated the discharge from the mine to be 0.2 cfs and mentioned that the discharge was intermittent. It is not known, however, if this represents a constant average flow or the average flow rate during discharge periods. The mine was using an unknown volume of water within the mine for dust suppression and other operational needs.

According to the I.P.A. Mining and Reclamation Plan for Horse Canyon, Kaiser Coal re-entered the mine in 1986. They found that at the intersection of the Main Slope and 3rd level, at the rotary car dump, there was water in the bottom of the dump. The water level in the dump was described in the Horse Canyon P.A.P. as being "about 30 feet below the floor (personnel communication, 1990)". U.S. Steel monitoring site 2 Dip, a sump where water collected, is very near this location and has an elevation of 5,827 feet. Therefore, the water level in the rotary dump would be at a level of about 5,800 feet. No other water levels were obtained during 1986.

In 1993, BXG also re-entered the Horse Canyon Mine. They reported water levels at the rotary car dump at approximately 5870. It is not known if this reported level was for the same locations, but it is assumed to be the close to the same location. Due to the extended period without pumping, this

water level is probably representative of the level of water collected in the rest of the mine. Therefore, to be conservative, it is assumed that the Geneva exploration entries driven south from the Horse Canyon Mine into the proposed Lila Canyon mining area do contain water since the tunnels elevation is approximately 5855 feet.

The Horse Canyon Mine has been closed and the surface area reclaimed. With no significant inflow to the old workings, no discharges are occurring from any of the portal areas nor are expected in the future. It is known however, that water has collected in the old entries. As future mining activities, for the proposed Lila Canyon Mine, will be occurring near this area of collected water in the old exploration entry workings, it is likely that some ~~or all~~ of this water will be intercepted by the proposed Lila Canyon Mine (see Plate 7-1). Water may then have to be pumped from the mine. Because of ~~undulationing~~undulating floor and unknown void areas, it is impossible to determine the amount of water that would be pumped. The rate of pumping, if any, would be determined by the water discharge system design. All water discharged from the mine would be discharged at UPDES Site # 002A which is Site L-5-G, and will meet all UPDES standards. DOGM has specified planning to include a mine discharge of 500 gpm maximum.

An inspection of the Horse Canyon area following mining has shown no diminution of reasonably foreseeable use of aquifers. Since mining ceased in 1983, subsidence should have occurred within two years. However, no deterioration of the aquifers in the area was identified. Mining has not yet begun on the Lila Canyon site; however, since the structure and groundwater regime is similar to the Horse Canyon area, no diminution or deterioration of groundwater resources is expected in this area.

~~Occurrences~~As the mining in the Lila Canyon Mine will be from the same seam and the adjacent strata are the same and the over and underburden are the same, occurrences of ground water in the Lila Canyon Mine are expected to be similar to the Geneva Mine (Horse Canyon). The water quality is expected to be the same as the water encounter in the Horse Canyon Mine. Samples taken underground from the Horse Canyon Mine to the north of the Lila Canyon Mine and from well S-32 by Kaiser to the south of the Lila Canyon Mine show the water from the level of the coal seam to be a calcium, sodium-sulfate type water. Therefore, it is likely that the water from the strata between these two points from the same strata will be very similar.

Inflows of water encountered while mining are expected to reduced to seeps or drieddry up in a short period of time. If a significant water inflow is encountered, the water, which is not needed for underground operations, will be collected, treated as necessary, and pumped to the surface for discharge under the terms of the UPDES permit.

Groundwater Systems. In the Lila Canyon Lease area, the groundwater regime consists of two separate and distinct multilayered zones. The upper zone consists of the Wasatch Group which consists of the Colton Formation, the undifferentiated Flagstaff Limestone-North Horn Formation, and the Price River Formation. These formations contain groundwater in perched aquifers. These perched zones are classified as aquifers because they supply groundwater in sufficient quantities for a specific use (as specified by R645-100-200). The lower zone consists of the Castlegate Sandstone and the Blackhawk Formation (where the coal seams are located). TheseThis formations consist of low-permeable strata which contain groundwater in isolated saturated zones. Based on the definition in the DOGM regulations (R645-100-200), there is no aquifer in the lower saturated zone, because the water is not developed for a specific use nor does the strata transmit sufficient water to supply water sources. Additionally, there is no discharge from this zone along any fault or fracture or in any adjacent canyons. The two zones are separated by the Castlegate Sandstone. This zone is a porous, fairly clean sandstone. According to Fisher, et.al. (1960), the Castlegate Sandstone does not have any shales, clays, siltstones, or mudstones. The lower zone is underlain by the Mancos Shale, a very impermeable marine shale.

Geologic conditions in the permit and adjacent areas are described in detail in Chapter 6 of this P.A.P. Though discussed in several publications for the general Book Cliffs area, formal aquifer names have not been applied to any groundwater system in the permit and adjacent areas because the geometry, continuity, boundary conditions, and flow paths of the groundwater systems in the area differ somewhat from the general published discussions. However, the data do suggest that groundwater systems in each of the bedrock groups are sufficiently different from each other to justify the informal designation of groundwater systems based on bedrock lithology. Thus, the informal designation of the Upper zone - Colton, Flagstaff/North Horn, and Price River and the Lower zone - Castlegate, Blackhawk, and Mancos groundwater systems is adopted herein.

The majority of groundwater in the permit and adjacent areas generally occurs within perched aquifers in the upper zone overlying the coal-bearing

Blackhawk Formation. In the lower zone groundwater occurs in isolated saturated zones in the Blackhawk Formation. Hydrogeologic conditions within the permit and adjacent areas are summarized below:

Upper Zone

Colton Formation. The Colton Formation outcrops in the northeast portion of the permit and adjacent areas. This formation consists predominantly of fine-grained calcareous sandstone with occasional basal beds of conglomerates and interbeds of mudstone and siltstone. Data presented in Plates 7-1 and 7-1A and Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 indicate that 16 springs issue from the Colton Formation within the permit and adjacent areas.

Waddell et al. (1986) evaluated the discharge of springs in the formation for the period of June to September 1980. The measured discharge rate generally declined during the 4-month period of evaluation. This suggests that the groundwater system has a good hydraulic connection with surface recharge and that most of the annual recharge quickly drains out of the system.

Groundwater issuing from the Colton Formation has a total dissolved solids ("TDS") concentration of 300 to 600 mg/l (as measured by specific conductance and laboratory analyses of TDS). The pH of this water is slightly alkaline (7.5 to 8.1). Insufficient data are available to describe seasonal variations in these parameters.

The water is a calcium-magnesium-bicarbonate type (see Appendix 7-1). The data also indicated total iron concentrations of <0.04 to 4.89 mg/l. Total manganese concentrations ranged from <0.01 to 1.29 mg/l.

Undifferentiated Flagstaff-North Horn Formation. The Flagstaff-North Horn Formation outcrops across much of the northern and central portion of the permit area. This formation consists of an interbedded sequence of sandstone, mudstone, marlstone, and limestone. Most springs and a major portion of the volume of groundwater discharging from the permit and adjacent areas issue from the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation. According to Plates 7-1 and 7-1A and Appendices 7-1 and 7-6, 36 springs issue from the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation within the permit and adjacent areas.

Groundwater discharge rates for springs issuing from the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation are greatly influenced by seasonal variations in precipitation and snowmelt, with most discharge corresponding to the melting of the winter snow pack during the spring months. Discharge is highest following

The hydraulic conductivity of the lower zone is believed to be about 0.01 to 0.02 ft/day, similar to values reported by Lines (1985) from the Wasatch Plateau for similar lithologies. Structural dip in the Lila Canyon area is about 6 to 7 degrees to the east. The gradient of the lower zone in the Horse Canyon/Lila Canyon area is probably less than 2 degrees.

The IPA ~~monitoring~~water level piezometers (Plate 7-1) were completed within the first formation with identifiable water below the coal seam, the Sunnyside Sandstone of the Blackhawk Formation. In all three piezometers, immediately below the coal seam, a mudstone layer was encountered. Above the mudstone layer no significant water had been identified. Below the mudstone layer, a sharp transition to a sandstone layer was encountered. This sandstone layer was identified as the Sunnyside Sandstone. Water was identified as occurring from the sandstone layer in each of the piezometers. According to the EarthFax completion logs, the screened zones in the piezometers were located within the Sunnyside Sandstone layer and a cement-bentonite seal was placed from the top of the sandstone layer to the ground surface of the piezometer. Thus, the water level measured in the piezometers is indicative of the conditions found within the sandstone layer.

Data collected from the piezometers (Appendix 7-1) indicate that the water in the sandstone is under pressure. In IPA 1, the water level is approximately 590 feet above the completion zone. In IPA 2, the water level is about 810 feet above the screened level. While, IPA 3 has a water level approximately 250 feet above the completion level.

Additionally, water levels in IPA 2 and 3 varied by approximately 2 feet during the period of July 1994 through April 1996, but showed no consistent trend. IPA 1 showed a rise of 5.6 feet over the same period. Measurements collected in 2001 indicated that the water levels in IPA 2 and 3 were 1 to 2 feet higher than the last time it was measured nearly 5 years earlier, while IPA 1 showed a rise of 16 feet. For the period since 2001, no trend has been identified for IPA 2 and 3, while IPA 1 has continued a slow increase. Although an increase in water levels has occurred during the period of record, this increase is not considered significant.

As the piezometers are completed in the same saturated zone, the piezometric surface shows that groundwater in the Sunnyside Sandstone to be moving to the northeast, into the Book Cliffs (see Plate 7-1). The gradient of the piezometric surface is approximately 0.011 ft/ft. The seasonal fluctuations between fall and spring are almost undistinguishable.

Based on the tabulated data (Appendix 7-1), the fluctuation range is less than 0.5 feet between summer and fall readings. Figures 7-1 and 7-2 attempt to show these variations in contour map and piezometer hydrographs.

The water ~~monitoring~~level piezometers show water levels above the lower zone containing the coal seam in area of the mine. However, as reported in the Castlegate Sandstone section, no springs or water bearing zones were identified in the spring and seep inventories or in the drilling of the water ~~monitoring~~level piezometers in the formation. Therefore, indicating that the piezometer monitored zones are under pressure and that the water identified in the upper zone is perched and isolated from the lower groundwater zone.

While the water in the Sunnyside Sandstone is under pressure, there was no indication during drilling that the coal seam was saturated. Similar conditions have been identified in other mines in the Wasatch Plateau and the Book Cliffs. It is likely that the water within the Sunnyside Sandstone will not affect mining unless the confining mudstone layer is breached.

It is possible that mining will intercept some water as it progresses down dip. However, as discussed previously regarding mine water inflows to the Horse Canyon Mine, it is expected that water quantities and quality will be similar to that encountered in the Horse Canyon Mine. While some pumping is likely for water from the isolated saturated zones within the lower groundwater zone; since the water in the upper groundwater zone appears to be perched aquifers 200 to 500 feet above the coal seams, no adverse effects on usable surface sources are expected.

No springs have been identified as issuing from the Blackhawk Formation (see Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 and Plates 7-1 and 7-1A).

The quality of groundwater in the Blackhawk Formation is ~~assumed to be similar~~characterized by t~~o~~he water quality ~~for~~of data collected from ~~leakage into~~inflows to the Horse Canyon Mine. These data indicate that Blackhawk Formation groundwater has a mean TDS concentration range of 1400 to 2400 mg/l and is of the ~~sodium-bicarbonate~~calcium, sodium-sulfate type. These waters are chemically distinct from groundwater in overlying groundwater systems.

Quality and quantity of underground water is the most difficult to ascertain due to geologic variables such as faults, fractures, channel sands and isolation of these particular features when water is encountered in order to gain reliable samples. Underground water tends to be co-mingled with water

zone formations protect them from the influence of dewatering of the coal-bearing zone unless the upper zone is influenced by subsidence.

Groundwater resources in the permit area are limited due to the small surface area and low recharge rates. There is not enough base flow from groundwater discharge to maintain a perennial flow in Horse Canyon Creek or Lila Canyon.

The upper groundwater zone produces low volume spring flows from up-dip exposures of bedrock and overlying alluvium. Some spring discharges from this zone have been developed and are used for livestock and wildlife. The lower groundwater zone has very limited discharges that are used for wildlife, generally during the early spring. Based on the location of these lower zone points and the vertical separation (500 feet) between the coal seam and the points, there is no possibility of mining impacting the springs.

724.200 Regional Surface Water Resources. The permit area exists entirely within the Horse Canyon, Lila Canyon, and Little Park Wash watersheds. The regional drainage patterns are generally north-south with steep canyons which are incised in the Book Cliffs escarpment. Stream flows within the region, generally, are the result of snowmelt runoff or summer thunderstorms. Water is not abundant as evapotranspiration exceeds precipitation.

Permit Area Surface Water Resources

Within the permit area, the surface water resources consist of three main drainages: Horse Canyon Creek, Little Park Wash, and Lila Canyon. Horse Canyon flows to Icelander Wash which, in turn, flows to Grassy Trail Creek and the Price River. Little Park Wash flows southward to Trail Canyon and the Price River. Lila Canyon flows southwest to Grassy Wash, then south to the Marsh Flat Wash and the Price River (see Plate 7-1).

Surface water sampling data are available in Appendix 7-2 and in the DOGM electronic database. The data were obtained from multiple sources, including (but not limited to) on-site sampling efforts, the Horse Canyon Mine P.A.P. filed by Geneva Steel and annual reports, U.S. Geological Survey publications, and various consultant reports. Since not all monitoring parties were required to adhere to UDOGM or SMCRA rules, the laboratory parameters varied between reports. However, the data are still considered valid and appropriate for determining baseline conditions within the permit and adjacent areas.

The location of the sampling points are presented on Plates 7-1 and 7-1A.

Based on field observations (described in Appendix 7-7) and flow data obtained during the collection of water-quality samples within the permit and adjacent areas, Horse Canyon Creek is considered intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow within the permit area. Lila Canyon and Little Park Wash, based on the size of the drainage area (greater than 1 sq. mi.), are defined by regulation as intermittent but have been shown to be intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow (see Appendix 7-7). Several smaller tributaries of these streams within the permit and adjacent areas are ephemeral by flow pattern and by rule.

~~Generally,~~ Horse Canyon, Little Park and Lila Canyon flow during the spring snowmelt runoff period and also as a result of isolated summer thunderstorms. Due to the limited drainage area and elevation of Lila Canyon, the duration of the snowmelt flows is quite short and is limited to the very early spring. Flows in Horse Canyon, generally, are limited to the early spring period (Lines and Plantz, 1981). By mid to late spring, usually no flow is evident in Horse Canyon Creek, below the minesite or Lila Canyon.

Over the period of record, 1981 through present, there have been both wet and dry periods. From 1983 through 1984, the area had high precipitation. In the late 1990's through the present, a drought has been evident in the area. Over this period of record, the flows in the streams have increased and decreased based on the available water. Also, during both of these periods, flows in Horse Canyon Creek during the summer and fall are generally not evident below the mine site. Only flows from summer thunderstorms upstream of the site have resulted in flows below the mine. This indicates that ~~the~~ while surface water resources may fluctuate, the fluctuations are not great enough to change the response of the stream to overcome the hydraulic and geologic characteristics of the area.

During most years, the snowmelt peak is the highest peak flow for the drainages. Under certain circumstances, when a significant summer thunderstorm occurs over the drainages, the runoff event can be quite large.

There are no indications that any of the reaches of Lila Canyon or Little Park Wash are perennial. Since the spring of 2000, both areas have been observed numerous times (at least quarterly) and no flow has even been noted in either drainage. Normally, this would indicate an ephemeral drainage, however, since the drainage areas are greater than one square

mile and exhibit no consistent flows, they are classified by regulation as intermittent.

The ephemeral nature of the streams make it difficult to document the high and low flow periods. Generally, the flow pattern for the drainages consists of dry channels until a thunderstorm or rapid snowmelt occurs. Then there is a short duration of flow within a portion of the channel. Following the passing of the storm or melting of the snow the runoff quickly decreases and the channel is again dry until the next event.

A number of perched springs do exist in the tributaries of the Little Park Wash drainage; however, the flows from the springs dry-up~~, dissipate or go underground~~ or infiltrate into the alluvial fill of the canyons within 50 to 200 feet of the source, before reaching the main drainage channel. The springs and seeps in the area have been sampled, as indicated in this application, as part of the baseline and spring/seep inventories. Therefore, they provide an estimate of the quality of the flow within the dranages.

Precipitation in the area generally consists of either high-intensity, localized thunderstorms or area wide, frontal storms. Table 7-1A presents rainfall-runoff model simulation results of both the 6-hour and 24-hour rainfall events of the drainages in the site area, to simulate each kind of storm. Appendix 7-10 present the simulation calculation results. These peak flow results show that for short duration events with small return periods (5 years or less), there is little or no runoff from the watersheds. ~~Likely~~Additionally, due to the localized character of the thunderstorms, the storms affect only a part of the watershed and the limited runoff that does occur is lost to channel losses (infiltration, evaporation, transpiration) within the portion of the watershed that is not affected by the rainfall event. As the return period of the storm increases, storms have~~ a~~ greater intensity and tend to ~~be~~cover larger ~~and~~areas, which likely affects most if not all of the watershed. Therefore, flows tend to increase. Intense rainfall may cause heavy flooding, but likely only affect small areas and do not result in large volumes of runoff.

For the long duration, frontal type storms, the entire watershed is covered for each event. The frontal precipitation events tend to produce only limited amounts of flow in the local ephemeral washes for the short return periods. With the increase in the return period, the flow events tend to be larger. This is due to the contribution from the entire watershed.

Each flow event in an ephemeral channel is separate and distinct. The stream flow is directly proportional to the amount of precipitation or snow-melt runoff, and the water quality varies greatly depending on the amount of flow. The duration of these runoff events is generally short. For thunderstorm events, the flow is generally less than a few hours. Duration of runoff from the frontal runoff events is moderate in length, generally on the order of 11 to 14 hours. Based on the end of rainfall from the watershed model simulations, the runoff would generally end within 3 to 5 hours. Therefore, if a sampler were not on-site during the event, it is unlikely that any flow would be observed.

There are no specified water uses for the stream flows. No water rights exist on the surface streams, due to the overall general lack of flow for these drainages.

Table 7-1A

PEAK FLOW SIMULATIONS OF UNDISTURBED DRAINAGES
IN THE LILA CANYON MINE AREA

Watershed-ID	Duration (hr)	Return Period Flows (cfs)					
		2yr	5yr	10yr	25yr	50yr	100yr
WS1.1	6 hr	0	0	1.39	5.54	9.98	17.18
	24 hr	0.65	3.22	9.31	22.68	39.50	59.77
WS1.2	6 hr	0	0	1.21	6.43	12.77	22.18
	24 hr	0.86	3.82	9.45	20.66	33.99	49.70
WS1 Total	6 hr	0	0	2.37	11.78	22.68	38.79
	24 hr	1.50	6.62	16.96	39.59	67.46	100.70
WS2.1	6 hr	0	0	0	1.84	4.30	7.79
	24 hr	0.17	0.81	2.54	7.96	14.23	24.90
WS2.2	6 hr	0	0	0	1.43	4.14	8.55
	24 hr	0.18	0.91	2.52	6.47	10.70	17.34
WS2 Total	6 hr	0	0	0	2.98	8.20	16.27
	24 hr	0.32	1.67	4.62	12.41	21.56	36.83
WS7.1	6 hr	0	0	2.23	10.43	19.63	33.75
	24 hr	1.29	6.04	15.85	36.15	60.94	90.24
WS8.1	6 hr	0	0	0.85	3.60	6.59	11.34
	24 hr	0.43	2.09	5.76	13.64	23.46	35.09
WS9.1	6 hr	0	0	3.46	16.17	30.46	52.36
	24 hr	2.01	9.38	24.59	56.08	94.53	139.99

Table 7-1A

PEAK FLOW SIMULATIONS OF UNDISTURBED DRAINAGES
IN THE LILA CANYON MINE AREA

Watershed-ID	Duration (hr)	Return Period Flows (cfs)					
		2yr	5yr	10yr	25yr	50yr	100yr
Little Park 6.1	6 hr	0	0	1.63	6.48	11.66	20.08
	24 hr	0.76	3.76	10.88	26.5	46.16	69.84
Little Park 6.2	6 hr	0	0	0.93	3.70	6.66	11.47
	24 hr	0.44	2.15	6.21	15.14	26.36	39.89
Little Park 6	6 hr	0	0	2.56	10.18	18.33	31.54
	24 hr	1.20	5.91	17.09	41.63	72.52	109.74
Little Park 6.3	6 hr	0	0	0.32	1.21	2.15	3.70
	24 hr	0.14	0.70	2.17	5.47	9.75	14.92
Little Park 5.1	6 hr	0	0	0.31	1.00	1.73	2.93
	24 hr	0.11	0.59	2.41	7.85	15.16	23.59
Little Park 5.2	6 hr	0	0	0.73	2.75	4.87	8.38
	24 hr	0.32	1.59	4.92	12.40	22.10	33.82
Little Park 5	6 hr	0	0	2.82	11.34	20.41	35.22
	24 hr	1.77	8.54	24.80	61.16	107.32	163.42
Little Park 4.1	6 hr	0	0	0.75	2.58	4.47	7.65
	24 hr	0.29	1.49	5.31	14.72	28.04	43.72
Little Park 4.2	6 hr	0	0	0.76	3.01	5.42	9.33
	24 hr	0.36	1.75	5.06	12.32	21.46	32.47
Little Park 6.4	6 hr	0	0	0.23	0.86	1.53	2.64
	24 hr	0.10	0.50	1.55	3.90	6.95	10.64

Table 7-1A

PEAK FLOW SIMULATIONS OF UNDISTURBED DRAINAGES
IN THE LILA CANYON MINE AREA

Watershed-ID	Duration (hr)	Return Period Flows (cfs)					
		2yr	5yr	10yr	25yr	50yr	100yr
Little Park 6.5	6 hr	0	0	0.90	3.58	6.45	11.10
	24 hr	0.42	2.08	6.02	14.66	25.53	38.63
Little Park 4	6 hr	0	0	6.17	24.81	44.74	77.12
	24 hr	2.93	14.01	40.73	101.08	178.91	269.04
Little Park 6.6	6 hr	0	0	0.87	4.44	8.64	14.92
	24 hr	0.58	2.60	6.58	14.58	24.18	35.52
Little Park 3.1	6 hr	0	0	2.35	8.86	15.72	27.03
	24 hr	1.03	5.13	15.87	40.00	71.27	109.07
Little Park 3.2	6 hr	0	0	1.00	4.65	8.76	15.07
	24 hr	0.58	2.70	7.08	16.14	27.20	40.29
Little Park 3	6 hr	0	0	9.73	42.29	77.65	133.01
	24 hr	5.08	23.46	65.66	162.22	284.24	430.10
Little Park 6.7	6 hr	0	0	1.12	6.47	14.50	26.85
	24 hr	1.14	4.69	10.58	21.76	34.48	49.42
Little Park	6 hr	0	0	10.48	47.97	90.92	152.74
	24 hr	6.19	26.34	70.46	170.78	298.11	448.73

~~The highest concentrations of suspended sediment will occur during high-intensity runoff from thunderstorms, and the lowest concentrations will occur during base flow or snow melt events~~

Surface waters in this part of the Book Cliffs drain to the Price River. The Price River flows to the Green River which, in turn, flows to the Colorado River. It is anticipated that only during extremely long duration, high-intensity thunderstorms that flow from the ephemeral drainages within the permit area would reach the Price River.

~~The sediment pond at the mine site is designed to contain disturbed area flows, up to the 10-yr, 24-hr event.~~

~~Surface waters in this part of the Book Cliffs drain to the Price River. The Price River flows to the Green River which, in turn, flows to the Colorado River.~~

Due to the length of channel and the limited volume of runoff, the majority of flow is lost to channel losses, as indicated in Appendix 7-9.

Lines and Plantz (1981, p. 33) conducted three seepage surveys of Horse Canyon Creek in 1978 and 1979. The results of the surveys show no consistent trends through time. Mine discharges created difficulties in interpretation of the data because there ~~is~~was no indication of whether the mine was or was not discharging water at the time of the surveys. However, Horse Canyon Creek below the mine is believed to be a losing stream, due to the visual observation of low flows decreasing downstream of the mine (professional observations, Thomas Suchoski, 1979-1980 & 1984-86). Flow in the channel adjacent to the mine facility entry portal on several occasions during mine inspections during the spring period were approximately 4 to 6 inches deep, with a flow width of 15 to 20 feet. Downstream of the mine in the area of the roadside refuse pile, the flow would be 2 to 3 inches deep with a flow width of 10 to 12 feet. Channel slopes in both areas were similar. No diversions are present along this reach of the channel to reduce the flow. Therefore, the channel flow decrease is the result of infiltration and evaporation of the water within the channel.

The Lila Canyon drainage is normally dry, flowing only in response to precipitation runoff or rapid snowmelt.

The mine facilities will be located in the Right Fork of Lila Canyon.

In January 2004, an assessment of the geomorphic character of the Lila Canyon channel, downstream of the proposed mine site, was conducted to address DOGM comments. A series of channel cross-section measurements were taken and the bed and bank materials visually observed. During this evaluation, it was discovered that a diversion structure had been installed just above the confluence of the Right Fork of Lila Canyon and Grassy Wash (see Appendix 7-9 and Figure 7-3). This diversion structure will divert all flow from the drainage and convey it by diversion channel to a stock pond located in the SW/4, SW/4 of Section 28, T. 16 S., R. 14 E. Subsequently, it was determined that the improvements were part of a BLM range improvement project. This structure has significantly modified the drainage pattern for this area. Flows that previously would have flowed into Grassy Wash will now be detained in the stock pond.

The closest perennial stream to the permit area is Range Creek. The drainage is located approximately 6 miles east of the proposed Lila Canyon permit area boundary (see Plate 7-1a).

Range Creek is in a broad, south-southeast oriented drainage that has been eroded into the Roan Cliffs. A western extension of the Roan Cliffs (Patmos Ridge) lies between Range Creek and the Book Cliffs. The proposed Lila Canyon operation is on the west side of Patmos Ridge. The Colton Formation is exposed at the surface from Patmos Ridge east to the main body of the Roan Cliffs, and between these two escarpments Range Creek has eroded into but not through the Colton Formation. Approximately eleven miles southeast of the permit area, just upstream of Turtle Canyon, Range Creek has eroded through the Colton, Flagstaff, and North Horn Formations, but it reaches the Green River without having eroded through the Upper Price River Formation. The nearest Blackhawk outcrop is 10 miles further south, along the Price River.

~~Based on the thickness of the formations underlying~~Argument has been made that Range Creek receives recharge from a regional aquifer which is likely from the lower saturated zone that the Lila Canyon Mine will be mining or that the overlying perched upper zone might be drained by the mining activities and affect the flows contributing and in Range Creek.

To address these concerns, the following issues were evaluated. An evaluation of the elevation difference between the saturated ground-water zone in the Blackhawk Formation and stream flows in the Range Creek ~~channel in the area - the North Horn/Flagstaff (570 ft), the Price River (533ft), Castlegate Sandstone~~

~~(160ft), and the upper Blackhawk (170ft) - there are approximately 1,400 feet of sediment~~drainage was conducted, especially for the reaches nearest the permit area. Also, the thickness and composition of the strata between the coal seam and the ~~channel. Of this strata, according to Fischer, et.al. (1960) more than half of this strata is shale, clays, siltstones, or mudstones.~~

~~As a result of the five to six miles horizontal distance from proposed permit~~creek was conducted. Further, the potential for diminishment of the spring and tributary flows resulting from subsidence impacts within the recharge area to Range Creek ~~(see Plate 7-1a) and the isolating effects of the over 1,000 feet of low-permeability, isolating strata~~was evaluated.

If the deeper ground water in the Blackhawk Formation were to flow following either the gradient indicated by the piezometers (see Figure 7-1) or geologic dip (see Plate 7-1B), ~~it is not likely that~~the water would flow well below Range Creek (800 to 1,200 feet) in the reaches nearest the Lila Canyon Mine ~~will adversely effect Range Creek. Due to these conditions, no baseline or other sampling has been gathered nor anticipated on Range Creek.~~

~~The~~and for many miles downstream.

Additionally, the thick section of strata between Range Creek and the Blackhawk Formation would impede hydraulic interaction between any deep ground water and the surface (Plates 7-1A and 7-1B). It is estimated that the vertical separation between the Blackhawk and Range Creek at the base of the Colton would be about 1,200 feet.

A review of U.S. Geological Professional Paper by D.J. Fisher, C.E. Reeside and J.B. Erdman, 1960, **Cretaceous and Tertiary Formation of the Book Cliffs, Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah,** which evaluates the composite stratigraphy in the Horse Canyon area, was conducted. The lithology descriptions were reviewed and a total of the percentage of shale, siltstone and mudstone (less permeable layers), for each strata identified by the authors, was generated to get an idea of the ability of each strata to restrict flow throughout the stratigraphic column.

Colton Formation		
Upper Sandstone Unit	1,300 ft.	
% Shale		23.1
Shale Unit	960 ft.	
% Mudstone		82.9

Lower Sandstone Unit	1,128 ft.	
% Shale and Mudstone		34.8
North Horn–Flagstaff, Undifferentiated		
Shale beds	237 ft.	
Mudstone	181 ft.	
Limestone	21 ft.	
Siltstone	25 ft.	
Clay	7 ft.	
Sandstone beds	99 ft.	
%Shale, Clay, Siltstone, and Mudstone		79.0
Price River Formation		
Upper Unit	299 ft.	
% Shale		43.8
Lower Unit	234 ft.	
% Shale and Siltstone		43.8
Castlegate Sandstone	160 ft.	
% Shales, Clays, Siltstones or Mudstones		0
Blackhawk Formation		
Upper Shale Unit	170 ft.	
Middle Sandstone Unit	0 ft.	
Middle Shale Unit	102 ft.	
Lower Sandstone Unit	200 ft.	
% Shale		52.5

Based on the stratigraphic column in the area, the overall percentage of less permeable strata is 47 percent. Looking at the distribution of the less permeable strata, the majority is in the upper lithographic units. The Colton and North Horn-Flagstaff contain about 1940 feet of less permeable units, while the Price River and Blackhawk contain about 480 feet. Therefore, there is little potential for water to move vertically between the upper and lower zones. The main direction of water movement will be horizontally within the strata.

Further, the elevation of Range Creek in the area of concern ranges from 6890 to 5740 feet (see Plate 7-1A). The coal seam exposure along the Book Cliffs ranges from 5,500 to 6,000 feet. Therefore, for water to flow from the coal seam to Range Creek the flow would need to overcome a hydraulic head difference of 200 plus feet, just based on the initial elevation and not accounting for dip of

the formations. There is insufficient head and no source of water to provide the driving head for such conditions.

In regard to subsidence affecting the potential recharge to the springs and tributaries to Range Creek, as described in Chapter 5, Section 525, the subsidence limits from the proposed mining are required to be limited to the area of the permit boundary. Therefore, the recharge area to Range Creek that could be affected is within the permit boundary.

In reviewing the permit area, as shown on Plate 7-1A, Little Park drainage has eroded through the Colton, North Horn-Flagstaff and part of the Price River formations. While Range Creek, in the reaches nearest to the proposed mine, has not eroded through the Colton Formation and the high percentage of low permeable strata within the Lower Colton and North Horn-Flagstaff formations limited potential for recharge to the springs and tributaries from areas below the bottom of the Colton Formation. The potential impact area from the mine is that portion of the permit area that is east of the Horse Canyon and Little Park drainages and that portion which is above the Colton - North Horn-Flagstaff contact.

Based on a review of Plate 7-1A, the portion of the permit boundary that meets these criteria is approximately 510 acres. Based on a projection of the direction of dip (N68°E), the area of the Range Creek drainage that might be affected would be from just north of Little Horse Canyon south to Cherry Meadow Canyon. This projection represents the area with recharge potential along the west side of the Range Creek drainage. Thus, the total recharge area to this portion of the drainage would be approximately 21,100 acres. Therefore, the percentage of the recharge area that might be intercepted by catastrophic subsidence is 2.4 percent. As catastrophic subsidence is unlikely due to the cover over the coal seam for most of this area (2,000ft +), this percentage is conservatively high. Such a small percentage would not be measurable within the Range Creek drainage.

If such an occurrence were to happen, based on the hydraulic conductivity (0.1gpd/ft^2)and porosity (0.25) of the formation and the anticipated gradient (0.1ft/ft), the average linear velocity of flow through the formation would be about 0.006ft/day. This results in an estimated duration, for the reduced recharge to move laterally through the Colton Formation and reach the Range Creek drainage, to be about 8,700 to 11,300 years.

As a result of the five to six miles horizontal distance from proposed permit area to Range Creek (see Plate 7-1a) and the isolating effects of the over 1,000 feet

of low-permeability, isolating strata between the coal seam and the creek elevation (see Plate 7-1B and Table above) and the limited potential and impact of subsidence damage to the recharge area, it is not likely that the Lila Canyon Mine will adversely effect Range Creek. Due to these conditions, no baseline or other sampling has been gathered nor is anticipated on Range Creek.

The Horse Canyon drainage is monitored in accordance with the approved monitoring plan for the permit. There have been no samples taken in the Lila Canyon or Little Park Wash drainages because no flow has been observed during the monitoring activities. ~~A f~~Factor~~ins~~ that contribute to the lack of data ~~is a result of~~are: accessibility to the sites during the winter period and immediately after summer rain storm events is generally not possible, due to safety issues~~. However, the~~ and a physical lack of flow.

Access and Safety. Safety issues have hampered field work on several projects in the area. When the soils in the area get wet they become very slick and pose access and safety issues. During the IPA drilling, EarthFax had significant difficulty in getting equipment and vehicles up and down the access road following several small rain storms. In one case they had one of their vehicles slide into the embankment rocks along the Horse Canyon access road (drop in the area was about 400 feet).

Access during rainstorms through the channels in the area is dangerous. During the avian study for the Westridge mine, Mel Coonrod (EIS) and Frank Howe (DWR) were caught in a channel during a rainstorm and lost their vehicle to flooding.

During winter and early spring periods, there have been times when the access road has been blocked with several feet of snow making access with the field equipment impossible.

UAE's position is that collection of environmental data is not worth of the loss of life or limb. Therefore, when the conditions are unsafe, the site is labeled inaccessible. At all other times, the sites are visited and if no flow is encountered it is reported as such.

Physical Lack of Flow. The lack of flow ~~is data in and of itself showing~~data in the sampling effort is not a failure of the sampling effort. The lack of flow at these sample sites is data which documents the normal conditions in the site area. If the streams were flowing 50 percent of the time, it is likely that the sampling efforts would encounter flow on an infrequent basis. However, if the flow for the short return periods is extremely small or none existence, it will be

difficult to obtain and provide samples of these events. This lack of flow shows that the drainages do not have a base flow component and there is no regional aquifer discharging to the deeply incised canyons and drainages in the area. The sequence of sampling efforts have demonstrated further, that there is no long-term flow events occurring in the mine permit area or adjacent areas. Also, spring photographs show disturbances in the stream channels from the previous falls sampling efforts indicating that for some years no flow occurred from the fall to spring measurement events. ~~Further~~Additionally, the peak flow simulation results show that the duration of any flow events would be of extremely limited duration.

Therefore, a pattern has been identified of a set of drainages that only flow in direct response to precipitation or rapid snow melt. The flow events are localized, sporadic events with no consistent sequence and timing and are extremely limited in duration.

U.S. Steel conducted water quality monitoring of the Horse Canyon drainage. These monitoring efforts were conducted prior to the development of DOGM's present Water Monitoring Guidelines, and as a result the data is quite limited. The most recent results of these water monitoring efforts are presented in Appendix 7-2 and historic results are included in the DOGM electronic database.

The data collected from Horse Canyon follows the same pattern documented by Waddell, et.al. (1986). The pattern shows that the TDS concentrations for surface waters on the lower Blackhawk and out onto the Mancos Shale range from 1000 mg/l and increase to 2,000 to 2,500 mg/l. Additionally, the highest concentrations of suspended sediment will occur during high-intensity runoff from thunderstorms, and the lowest concentrations will occur during low flow or snow melt events.

Therefore, because of the similarity of the water quality data, the water quality expected from the drainages in the area of the proposed mine will be similar to the water quality found in the Horse Canyon drainage.

Monitoring efforts did not include remote or automatic sampling efforts because of inherent problems attempting to implement these methods for this application. It has been suggested that crest-staff gauges, single-stage samplers, ISCO instruments, etc. could be used to collect samples. These are methods that the USGS uses for developed remote sampling sites. However, none of the UEI sampling sites are developed. In the case of crest gauges, for these methods

to be feasible, the sites need to be developed with concrete or bedrock lined channel sections. For the channel configurations at the UEI sites, the channel bottoms consist of movable beds. These are channels that change configuration from storm to storm. As a result of channel erosion and deposition, the stage discharge relationship of the channel changes with each storm event. Therefore, while the crest gauge would indicate that a flow event may have occurred, the ability to determine what the flow rate was is greatly compromised. To be able to overcome this, it would be necessary to construct lined channel sections in remote channel areas. In some cases, this would require the construction of access way and cement trucks to haul in the materials necessary. This would likely cause more damage than it is worth.

For the use of single stage and ISCO samplers, with sampling limited to monthly and quarterly readings, the holding time on many water samples would be exceeded. Therefore, the water quality data would not be usable for determining the baseline or impact conditions.

Several samplers were installed as apart of the Westridge Mine sampling efforts. After several abortive attempts at utilizing them for flow and quality measurements, they were removed because the data was unreliable and suspect.

Remote sensing equipment has also been considered. However, as most of the monitoring sensors require line of sight and these sites are in remote, incised canyons or drainages, that is not possible.

As a result of these difficulties, it was determined that these methods would not provide any better data than was already being collected and would not be used.

724.300 Geologic Information Detailed geologic information of the permit and adjacent areas is included in Section 600, with specific strata analyses, as required, in Section 624.

724.310 Probable Hydrologic Consequences. The geologic data indicate that no toxic- or acid-forming materials are known to exist in the coal or rock strata immediately below or above the seam (see Section 624.300). The probable hydrologic consequences of the proposed operation will be discussed in Section 728 and Appendix 7-3 of this application.

731.400 Transfer of Wells There are presently three ~~P~~piezometers on this permit. When these ~~P~~piezometers are no longer required, they will be sealed in a safe, environmentally sound manner in accordance with regulations (see Section 631.200). The Horse Canyon Well will be donated to the College of Eastern Utah as part of the Post Mine Land use Change

731.500 Discharges The only proposed discharges from this operation will be from the sediment pond and/or underground mine water. Each of these potential discharges would be monitored and controlled within requirements of approved U.P.D.E.S. Discharge Permits.

731.510 Discharges into an Underground Mine There are no plans to discharge any water into an underground mine. This section is not applicable.

731.512 Types of Discharge The only planned discharges from this site are water, in the form of sediment pond discharge or underground mine water discharge.

731.512.1 Water See Section 731.512.

731.512.2 Coal Processing Waste N/A - There are no plans to process coal or discharge coal processing waste from this site.

731.512.3 Fly Ash from a Coal-Fired Facility N/A - There are no plans for a coal-fired facility at this time.

731.512.4 Sludge from Acid-Mine-Drainage Treatment N/A There are no plans for an acid-mine-drainage treatment facility at this time.

731.512.5 Flue-gas Desulfurization Sludge N/A - There are no plans for flue-gas desulfurization at this site.

731.512.6 Inert Materials N/A - There are no plans to use or discharge inert materials used for stabilizing underground mines.

731.512.7 Any underground mine development wastes that cannot be left and permanently stored underground will be brought to the surface and stored in a controlled, designated location. Final disposal of such material will depend on its volume, physical and chemical characteristics and potential for use in reclamation. There are presently no plans to return such material underground; however, if this does become necessary in the future, complete plans will be submitted for disposal at that time.

731.513 Water from Underground Workings Based on historical data from other mines in the area, some mine water can be expected to be encountered during the mining operation. Typically, such water is stored in "sumps" or designated areas in the mine and used for mining operations or discharged to the surface. A sump is an underground storage area that is used to temporarily store water before it is used underground or pumped to the surface for discharge. The main purpose of a sump is to remove sediments. The sump will also remove oil/grease if they were to get into the water. The size of a sump can vary from a few hundred gallons to several thousand gallons. The size normally depends on the space available and the amount of water needed for mining operations.

In order to more accurately define the potential impact of the mine on ground water, underground usage discharge amounts, if they were to occur, would be documented. This information along with the surface monitoring program will provide the best information available as to the potential impact of the mine on ground water.

IPA ~~P~~piezometers 1-3 will still be monitored quarterly if possible. The three ~~P~~piezometers were monitored on December 22, 2000. The water level probe during this period was unable to reach the depth required to measure the water level of IPA-1 and IPA -3. Another attempt will be made to enter these ~~P~~piezometers when the sites are accessible.

The water level of IPA-2 was very consistent with the last reading taken on April 29, 1996. This piezometer (IPA-2) is the farthest west of the three ~~P~~piezometers and is up dip from

the other two. Any impact to ground water would be noticed very quickly at IPA-2. This information from IPA-2 along with the past baseline data on the three Piezometers and the in mine water monitoring program mentioned above, would provide an accurate evaluation of potential ground water impacts.

At the present time, there are no plans to divert water from the underground workings of this operation to any other underground workings.

If it became necessary to discharge water from the mine, this water would be discharged in accordance with the UPDES permit application in Appendix 7-5. The water would be discharged into the Right Fork of Lila Canyon. Refer to Plate 7-5.

731.520 Gravity Discharges Location of the proposed portal slopes are below the western (upper) exposure of the easterly dipping coal bed. In the area immediately around the proposed portals, no water is presently issuing from the strata above or below the coal outcrop; therefore, it is assumed any water encountered in the underground mining will not be under artesian pressure or with sufficient hydrostatic head to raise it to the portal site.

The coal seam to be mined dips away from the portal site at approximately 10%. If water is encountered in the mining, it will likely be at a static level far below the exposed outcrop or rock slopes. This may result in some possible mine discharge from pumping, but not from gravity.

731.521 Portal Location The proposed access portals are below the coal outcrop, as shown on Figure 7-1, Plates 5-5 and 7-5. The fan is to be located above, at the outcrop. The rock slopes will slope up to the east at approximately 12% to contact the coal seam; however, the coal seam is dipping down to the east in this area. The approximate point of contact between the rock slopes and the coal seam will be 1227' from the surface at an elevation of 6300'. Ground water levels in the mining area, based on the 3 water monitoring

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development of vegetation along the stream banks aiding in the additional stabilization of the channel banks and bed. While these impacts are not anticipated, the applicant has agreed to monitor the conditions of the channel downstream of the site for geomorphic and erosional change as a result of mine discharges.

All construction and upgrading activities will be undertaken during periods of dry weather, commencing in late spring and lasting through fall. For both the mining and reclamation periods, it is expected that construction, upgrading, or regrading activities would cause an increase in sediment load to the stream. Temporary sediment controls will be used whenever possible to lessen the impact of construction activities.

Stream buffer zones have been delineated upstream and downstream of the disturbed area of the mine facilities. These buffer zones will aid in ensuring that no disturbance occurs within the area of the unprotected channel.

Sediment yields may increase locally due to subsidence. Subsidence tends to cause a warping or sagging of the surface in the area of the mined out area. Within the stream channel that crosses a subsided area, at the upstream boundary of the subsidence, the stream channel is steepened, resulting in the potential for additional erosion in the steepened reach. As the stream crosses the sagged subsided area, the channel gradient decreases below the pre-subsided slope. This results in increased glides and extended pools in intermittent and perennial streams or areas of increase deposition in ephemeral streams. Subsidence cracks which intersect stream channels with steep gradients could, for a short period of time, ~~cause an~~result in a local increase in the sediment yield of the stream. However, this sediment increase would also cause the crack to quickly fill, recreating pre-subsidence stream channel conditions. Thus, the potential impact to sediment yield from subsidence in the permit area would be minor and of short duration.

Various sediment-control measures will be implemented during reclamation as the vegetation becomes established. As discussed in Section 542.200 of this P.A.P., these measures will include installation of silt fences and straw-bale dikes in appropriate locations to minimize potential contributions of sediment to the Right Fork of Lila Canyon. These measures will reduce the amount of erosion from the reclaimed areas, thereby precluding adverse impacts to the environment.

Acidity, Total Suspended Solids, and Total Dissolved Solids. Probable impacts of mining and reclamation operations on the acidity and total suspended solids concentrations of surface and groundwater in the permit and adjacent areas were

addressed previously in this section. Since the proposed Lila Canyon Mine has not started, there is no specific data available on Lila mine water. Therefore, quality information was obtained from the adjacent Horse Canyon Mine workings.

Data presented in Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 and summarized in Section 724.100 of this P.A.P. indicate that the TDS concentration of water in the Blackhawk Formation (as measured in inflow to the nearby Horse Canyon Mine) ranged from approximately 1400 to 2400 mg/l and is of the sodium-bicarbonate type. As noted in Section 724.200, the TDS concentration of water in the Right Fork of Lila Canyon is unknown, but likely to be similar to the flows in Horse Canyon Creek which are in the range from 1200 to 1500 mg/l. The dominant ions in this water are calcium and bicarbonate during high-flow periods, whereas the dominant ions during low-flow periods are sodium, magnesium, sulfate, and bicarbonate.

These data suggest that the TDS concentration of water in the Right Fork of Lila Canyon can be expected to increase by a factor of 1.5 for the water discharged from the mine to the drainage. This concentration is similar to concentrations found in other streams along the Book Cliffs are described by Waddell, et. Al. (1986). It should be noted that it is anticipated that the Lila Canyon Mine will use powdered limestone or dolomite (i.e., calcium-magnesium-carbonate) for rock dust. It is not anticipated that gypsum rock dust (calcium-sulfate) will be used in the mine. Hence, dissolution of rock dust by water in the mine should not influence the chemical type of water in the drainage if mine water is discharged to the Right Fork of Lila Canyon.

As indicated in the P.A.P., the total iron and manganese concentrations in discharges from the mine are not significantly elevated to an effect downstream uses. Also, as discussed in Appendix 7-9, the mine water discharge is expected to affect only the 3.4 mile downstream from the mine.

Lila Canyon drainage, as part of the lower Price River basin, is classified according to Section R317-2-13 of the Utah Administrative Code (Standards of Quality for Waters of the State) as a class 2B (secondary contact recreation use), 3C (nongame fish and other aquatic life use), and 4 (agricultural use) water. No TDS standards exist for class 2B and 3C water. The TDS standard for class 4 water is 1,200 mg/l. Hence, if discharges occur from the Lila Canyon Mine to the Right Fork of Lila Canyon, the data indicate that the TDS concentration of these discharges will slightly exceed the agricultural use water-quality standard.

As there is limited agricultural use in the area, this TDS exceedance is not considered significant. The major usable water resources in the area that could potentially be affected are springs and ephemeral channels. These water sources

decrease in head will have the direct effect of decreasing the inflow rate into the mine. Additionally, the volume of water required to "fill the mine" would also have to fill the strata above the mine, which has been dewatered throughout the history of the mine.

Based on these factors it is unlikely that the groundwater level in the lower groundwater zone will ever rise to the level of the portal, at any portal location for either the Horse Canyon or Lila Canyon Mines. Hence, there should be no natural discharge of groundwater through any of the sealed portals. To verify this, stand pipes will be incorporated into the grading plans for the portals so that water levels can be checked annually.

Groundwater and Surface Water Availability. Potential impacts to the availability of surface and groundwater from the Lila Canyon Mine operations include both decreased and increased stream flows and spring discharges caused by mine-related subsidence, bedrock fracturing, and aquifer dewatering. These potential impacts are discussed below.

Potential for Decreased Spring and Stream Flows

To date, while surface subsidence has been identified as a result of coal mining in the nearby Horse Canyon Mine, no impact or disruption of spring and seep of stream flows have been identified. Bedrock fracturing routinely occurs, depending on the overburden thickness, in the rock units overlying ~~the~~ mined coal seams. Given the limited number of springs and limited groundwater resources of the Castlegate Sandstone and Blackhawk Formations in the permit and adjacent areas, subsidence or fracturing would affect the hydrologic balance in the area only if zones of increased vertical hydraulic conductivity were created which extended through the Price River Formation into the North ~~Horn and Flagstaff Formations.~~
Horn-Flagstaff and Colton Formations.

When subsidence occurs as a result of mining, there are four zones that occur above the mined out area. As shown in Figure 1, the zones are: a caved zone that occurs in the 6 to 10 times the thickness of the coal seam, a fractured zone which occurs 10 to 30 time the thickness of the coal seam, and deformation zone which occurs 30 to 60 time the thickness of the coal seam, and finally, a soil zone which occurs on the ground surface. Damage to surface and groundwater resources generally occur in the caved and fractured zones. Little or no damage occurs in the deformed zone. With only localized effects felt in the soil zone. As

discussed in Section 525.120, the strains for the rock in the proposed mine area, as a result of mining, should limit subsidence deformation to those areas where the overburden is less than 450 feet.

Where surface disruption or cracks appear, the general mechanism is extension of the soil mantle. Natural processes will heal these crack over time. Runoff and snowmelt will wash sediments into the crack and fill any voids created. As this process progresses, the crack disappear and the surface runoff and snowmelt return to normal courses. In the Wasatch Plateau and Book Cliffs area, the clays in the area are expansive and tend to seal these cracks very rapidly. Sidel, et.al. (1996) found that minor surface changes in the area of Burnout Creek recovered within two years.

Several lines of evidence suggest that mining-related subsidence and bedrock fracturing have not resulted in decreased stream flows or groundwater discharge in the vicinity of the nearby Horse Canyon Mine. Although considerable seasonal and climatic variability are noted in the hydrographs of springs in the permit and adjacent areas, data for both Horse Canyon Creek and springs which overlie the Horse Canyon Mine workings do not show discharge declines which may be attributed to either subsidence or bedrock fracturing (see Appendices 7-1 and 7-6).

Active groundwater systems in the Colton, Flagstaff-North Horn, and Price River Formations are separated from the Blackhawk Formation by the Castlegate Sandstone. As discussed in Section 724.100, this formation contains no springs and is not considered to be a major groundwater resource. Past mining in the Horse Canyon Mine has not increased the rate of spring discharge from the Price River Formation, indicating that groundwater is not being diverted into this formation. The absence of increased saturation in the Price River Formation ~~due to coal mining~~ indicates that vertical zones of artificially-increased hydraulic conductivity or secondary porosity do not extend into the Price River Formation and from thence into the overlying active groundwater systems of the North ~~Horn and Flagstaff~~Horn-Flagstaff Formations.

Data presented in Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 and summarized in Section 724.100 indicate that the low-permeability lower groundwater system, in the vicinity of mined coal seams, contains groundwater which is compartmentalized both vertically and horizontally. Coal mining locally dewaters isolated, overlying saturated rock layers in the Blackhawk Formation but does not appear to draw significant additional recharge from overlying or underlying zones.

Additionally, the springs which supply most of the local flow discharge from the Flagstaff-North Horn or Colton Formations. ~~This~~These formations or aquifer ~~is~~are perched from the underlying lower groundwater zone and the intervening formations contains swelling clays which tend to heal small fractures. Also, since the perched aquifer materials are isolated and lenticular, there is a greater probability that fractures in one area will not drain all the different perched aquifers because they are not interconnected.

The very low permeability and vertical gradients in Blackhawk Formation rock layers underlying actively mined coal seams in the Horse Canyon Mine and the absence of significant discharge into the mine from these layers indicates that mining does not draw groundwater from the underling portions of the Blackhawk and Mancos Shale. Additionally, the distinctive solute composition of Mancos Shale groundwater has not been observed inside the Horse Canyon Mine indicating that the saturated zones in the Blackhawk and Mancos are separate.

From the above discussion, it appears that the Horse Canyon Mine has not decreased groundwater discharge in overlying or underlying groundwater systems. Hence, it is unlikely that coal mining will effect the discharges of any spring as a result of mining in the Lila Canyon permit and adjacent areas.

~~The closest perennial stream to the permit area is Range Creek. The drainage is located approximately 6 miles east of the proposed Lila Canyon permit area (see Plates 6-1 and 7-1B). Range Creek is in a broad, south-southeast oriented drainage that has been eroded into the Roan Cliffs. A western extension of the Roan Cliffs (Patmos Ridge) lies between Range Creek and the Book Cliffs. The proposed Lila Canyon operation is on the west side of Patmos Ridge. The Colton Formation is exposed at the surface from Patmos Ridge east to the main body of the Roan Cliffs, and between these two escarpments Range Creek has eroded into but not through the Colton Formation. Approximately eleven miles southeast of the permit area, just upstream of Turtle Canyon, Range Creek has eroded through the Colton, Flagstaff-North Horn Formations, but it reaches the Green River without having eroded through the Upper Price River Formation. The nearest Blackhawk outcrop is 10 miles south, along the Price River (see Plate 7-1B).~~

~~The maximum extent of subsidence is within the permit boundary, making it improbable that subsidence fractures could effect Range Creek or any contributing watershed to Range Creek.~~

~~Due to the large distance from the~~As discussed in Section 724.200, as a result of the five to six miles horizontal distance from proposed permit area~~, and the~~

~~1,000 feet or more of low permeability~~ to Range Creek (see Plate 7-1a) and the isolating effects of the over 1,000 feet of low-permeability, isolating strata between the coal seam ~~containing Blackhawk formation, and the Colton Formation where Range Creek lies, there is little possibility of groundwater from the Blackhawk Formation being pressurized to supply water to the Range Creek drainage. Additionally, based on the permeability (0.02 ft/day), porosity (0.1) of the the formation and the hydraulic gradient (0.06), the average linear velocity would be 0.012 ft/day. Therefore, for a minimum distance of 5 miles, between the mine and Range Creek, the time of travel would be a minimum of about 6,000 years. Therefore~~and the creek elevation (see Plate 7-1B and Table above) and the limited potential and impact of subsidence damage to the recharge area, it is not likely that the Lila Canyon Mine will adversely effect Range Creek. Due to these conditions, no baseline or other sampling has been gathered nor is anticipated on Range Creek. For the above reasons Lila Canyon extension does not present any Probable Hydrologic Consequences to Range Creek.

The contamination, diminution, or interruption of any water resources would not likely occur within the mine permit or adjacent areas. Since surface water flows only a limited part of year and will be provided protection by use of sediment controls, the major usable water resources that could potentially be effected in the area would be springs that are currently in use by wildlife and livestock. Most of these springs are located upstream of the permit area or are in areas where subsidence resulting from post-1977 mining is not documented or expected. To date no known depletion of flow and quality of surveyed springs in the Horse Canyon permit area exists, and none are expected in the Lila Canyon area, based on available data from the Horse Canyon Mine. Although pre-mining data is not available for Horse Canyon, depletion problems from subsidence are not known to have been filed and are not indicated by sampling results in Appendices 7-1 and 7-2. Therefore, it is unlikely an alternative water supply will be needed, although they have been identified in Section R645-301-727.

L-16-G and L-17-G are seeps being monitored in Stinky Spring Canyon. These two seeps appear to be an important source of water for Bighorn sheep specifically in the early spring.

Flows from these springs are historically less than 0.5 gpm and show a general seasonal decrease throughout the season. These sites were not identified during baseline surveys and are believed to exist intermittently and are not always evident. The low flow rates and intermittent nature of these springs suggest that they are local in nature.

Evaporation from Ventilation - evaporation rates have been estimated at 2.5 gallons per million cubic feet of ventilated air. This number is dependent on temperature and relative humidity. It is estimated that with the projected usage of 473,040 million cf/yr of air and a loss of 2.5 gallons per million c.f. Therefore, the water consumption for evaporation would be approximately 1,183,600 gallons per year or 3.63 acre feet of water.

Coal Preparation - The operator does not anticipate any coal preparation that would result in water usage.

Sediment Pond Evaporation - The sediment pond is used to hold rain and snow runoff that flows over disturbed areas of the coal mining and reclamation operations until accumulated sediment has dropped out. At that point the water is discharged into a receiving stream. The holding time for this water is planned to be short, therefore, no significant evaporation loss is expected. This would not be considered a consumption mechanism.

Subsidence on Springs - As shown in Appendix 7-8 and discussed in Section 525.120 of the application, the majority of springs cannot be adversely effected by subsidence because of their physical location (off the permit area and outside the area of potential subsidence) or for those within the permit area because of the amount of cover, 1000 feet or more, which as discussed in Section 525.120 are not expected to experience any significant deformation for covers over 450 feet. In the adjacent Horse Canyon mine, which was mined for over 45 years, there have been no reported effects on springs due to subsidence.

Alluvial Aquifer Abstractions into Mines - There will be no water infiltrations from alluvial systems into the mine.

Postmining Inflow to Workings - Postmining all openings will be sealed and backfilled. The proposed mine openings for Lila Canyon are at an elevation where no surface inflow is possible. This coupled with the sealing plan for the portals makes postmining inflows virtually impossible.

Coal Moisture Loss - It has been estimated that coal moisture loss or usage to be estimated at 4.5 gallons per ton of coal mined (see Table 2). Using the estimated usage for mining with an estimated production of 4.5 Million tons per year a usage of 20,250,000 gal per year or 62.12 acre feet can be estimated. It should be noted that due to the extremely low hydraulic conductivity rates measured in the general area, that groundwater movement is very slow. Using the average hydraulic conductivity measured for Blackhawk Sandstone (3.0×10^{-6} cm/sec) (see Table 1) which is equal to .1 inch per day. Therefore, water

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300. BIOLOGY

310. Introduction.

311. Vegetative, fish, and wildlife resources of the permit area and adjacent areas are described in section 320.

312. Potential impacts to vegetative, fish and wildlife resources and methods proposed to minimize these impacts during coal mining and reclamation operations are described in sections 330 and 340.

313. Proposed reclamation designed to restore or enhance vegetative, fish and wildlife resources to a condition suitable for the designated post-mining land use are described under section 340.

320. Environmental Description.

321. Vegetation Information: The permit application contains the following vegetation information.

321.100. This section presents a discussion of the vegetation resources in the Lila Canyon Mine Extension Area and adjacent areas. The work was authorized initially by Kaiser Steel Corporation in 1982 and was referred to as the "South Least Tract." In 1985 Kaiser Coal incorporated a portion of the data from the South Lease and expanded it to include the Horse Canyon mine permit area. In 1990 this data was again updated and used to formulate the Mine Reclamation Plan for the Horse Canyon mine site and adjacent disturbance. This information can be found in the Horse Canyon MRP.

The Lila Canyon mine permit area encompasses a portion of the reclaimed Horse Canyon Mine and virtually all of the South Lease area (See Plate 1-1 Permit Area Map). Aerial photography was used to map the vegetation within the permit area.

A vegetation inventory was commissioned by UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. in 2003 to determine vegetation resources specific to the Lila Canyon Mine

surface area. A copy of the report is included in Appendix 3-1.

As requested by the Division, Canyon sweetvetch, Cliffs blazing star and creutzfeldt-flower will be surveyed for at least the year construction begins or one year prior to construction.

321.200. A determination of the productivity of the land within and around the permit extension area was implemented by Dean Stacy, Range Management Specialist for the NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service, and is included in Appendix 3-2. Productivity of the vegetation in the grass-shrub resource area was 450#/acre. The pinyon juniper area to be disturbed the production was estimated to be 250 to 350 #/acre. The pinyon Juniper area, within the disturbed area, will be reclaimed to a grass shrub community.

322. Included in the permit extension application is fish and wildlife resource information for the extension area and adjacent areas.

322.100. The scope and detail of the fish and wildlife resource information presented in this chapter is sufficient to design the protection and enhancement plan.

322.200. Site specific resource information necessary to address the respective species or habitats is included.

322.210. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service publish yearly, in the federal Register, lists of endangered and threatened species. TABLE 3-1 cites federally listed threatened or endangered species which may occur in this area of Utah. Three species listed are potential inhabitants of the general area of Lila Canyon; the black-footed ferret, MSO, and bald eagle.

The 2000 model for Mexican Spotted Owl Habitat

was used to identify potential MSO habitat. The results can be found in Appendix 3-4.

The proposed addition to the permit area does not contain habitat for southwestern willow flycatchers. There are no perennial water sources or riparian areas in either the current permit area or the proposed addition, and according to verbal information from UEI's consultant, there are few, if any, willows or similar riparian-type vegetation associated with the seeps and springs in the proposed addition to the permit area. There may have been a few willows or shrubs, but there were no dense patches as would be required by southwestern willow flycatchers.

Lila Canyon Mine will have below-ground electrical power lines. These lines will be constructed to minimize potential hazards to all raptors new to the site, all will be designed and constructed in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Environmental Criteria for Electric Transmission Systems or as approved by DOGM.

322.220. The permit area for Lila Canyon Mine is located within the Price River Resource Area. Surface water in the adjacent areas drains into Grassy Trail Creek and Cottonwood Wash, both tributaries of the Price River. The environment around the 42.6 acre mine site is within the Upper Sonovan life zone. The dominate Vegetation communities within the proposed disturbed area are pinyon-juniper and grass-shrub. Community types surrounding the proposed disturbed area are primarily pinyon-juniper, mixed conifer, spruce-fir, grass, and sagebrush-grass.

The Upper Sonovan life zone can provide habitat for approximately one hundred and forty-two species of wildlife. Two separate reports by

the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) identify species having potential to inhabit the region. The species that is considered to be of high interest in the local area is the Pronghorn. Pronghorns are found as year-long residents within and adjacent to the permit area. These animals were transplanted to this site by the DWR in 1972 and are part of the Icelander Antelope Herd Unit II. Pronghorn prefer open sagebrush-desert and shrub-grassland habitats in areas of the Western United States. They are primarily browsers but are known to forage on grasses and forbs during spring and summer (FWS, 1978).

The pinyon-juniper woodlands, and interspersed sagebrush parks are winter range for mule deer. Many of the drier slopes are essentially juniper stands of scattered trees. The mule deer winter use is restricted to periods when snow is available or surface water is present during snow melt in the early spring, and the UDWR has rated this winter range as high priority.

Elk winter range is located at higher elevations than that of the disturbed area and is not a factor in the disturbed site.

Other wildlife in the pinyon-juniper woodlands are reptiles, passerine birds, lagomorphs, and small rodents.

The talus slopes in the canyon are home to rodents and reptiles. They are also used by chukars. Snake dens are unknown in the talus slopes.

The cliffs are generally north-facing and have potential as raptor nesting sites. Spring raptor inventories were initiated in the spring of 1998. The results of the annual raptor surveys are

TABLE 3-1

FEDERALLY LISTED ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES WHICH MAY OCCUR IN THE LILA CANYON AREA

Mammals	
Black-footed ferret (1)	(Mustela nigripes)
Birds	
Bald eagle (2)	(Haliaeetus leucocephalus)
*Southwestern willow flycatcher (2)	
Mexican Spotted Owl (3)	(Strix occidentalis lucida)
Fish (Do not occur, but theoretically could be impacted).	
Colorado squawfish	(Ptychocheilus lucius)
Bonytail Chub	(Gila elegans)
Humpback Chub	(Gila cypha)
Razorback Sucker	(Xyrauchen texanus)

(1) No confirmed sightings have occurred in Utah in recent years.

(2) Nests in Utah.

* No suitable nesting habitat within the permit area.

(3) Nests in Utah. (See Appendix 3-4 for Mexican Spotted Owl Habitat Survey Plan)

(A complete list of all potential T&E species found in Emery County is included in Appendix 3.3)

included in Appendix 3-5.

The intermittent / ephemeral stream channels lacks riparian vegetation; thus many bird species of high federal interest would not utilize this area example southwestern will flycatcher. The lack of trees or large shrubs precludes the use of woodpeckers. The stream channels do not support fish or an established invertebrate fauna.

The UDWR has submitted general information to be included in the wildlife plans of previous permit applications. Their information covers all the biogeological areas found on the Tavaputs Plateau which includes the Upper Sonoran, Transition, Canadian, and Hudsonian life zones. As noted previously only the Upper Sonoran life zone is represented within the permit area.

This UDWR general information is included in this application because it provides an overall description of the wildlife and wildlife habitats in the general area. The information is also useful in providing habitat information for design of the reclamation of the disturbed area. Thus the past wildlife habitat conditions can be emulated by reclamation and wildlife accommodated as they return to the mine site area upon final reclamation. (See Appendix 3-6, abbreviated)

The USFWS has submitted information over the years in commenting on the various wildlife plans submitted in prior permit applications. The ranking of wildlife values on coal-producing lands in Utah are found in Table 3-2 and are as follows:

1 = Crucial-critical habitat
2 = High priority habitat
3 = Substantial value habitat
4 = Seasonal

Table 3-2 Ranking of Wildlife Habitat

Species	Permit/lease Area	Management Area
Rocky Mt. Big Horn (Seasonal)	800 Acres	5,411 Acres
Elk (Winter habitat)	8,960 Acres	19,840 Acres
Elk (Summer habitat)	0 Acres	1,280 Acres
Mule Deer (Critical)	6,720 Acres	9,280 Acres
Mule Deer (Year Long)	960 Acres	16,000 Acres
Pronghorn Antelope (Year Long)	0 Acres	12,160 Acres

It is important to note that the actual disturbed area (approximately 42.6 acres) is not critical elk or deer winter range but is habitat for Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep.

According to DWR, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep spend all year along the escarpments in the Lila Canyon area of the Book Cliffs. DWR and the Division visited the proposed disturbed area on June 11, 2002. Prior to the visit, the DWR representative was concerned that sheep may need to move further up the cliff when traveling the escarpments because of the mine and that sheep would likely leave the area. After the visit, the DWR representative felt that the sheep use of Lila Canyon may not be affected. The change in opinion may be due to the fact that the DWR representative was not familiar with the specifics of the mine plan until the site visit.

Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep appear to have a low tolerance for disturbance. Considering the low population density and the abundance of suitable similar habitat this impact appears to be slight.

The loss of range for Big Horn Sheep is mitigated and is defined in the Environmental

Assessment submitted in association with the Right-Of-Way applications.

The USFWS recognizes that the permit area is within range of endangered species, including the black-footed ferret, MSO, and the bald eagle (Letter dated February 4, 1998, Appendix 3-3).

Raptor surveys were initiated in 1998 and continue annually with the exception of 2004. These surveys were initiated before ground-breaking of the Lila project. The results of these surveys are in Appendix 3-5. The entire Book Cliffs escarpment within the permit area was inventoried for cliff nesting raptors. In addition, a 1-mile buffer zone was inventoried around areas of potential development.

None of the Eagle nests in the close proximity to the mines surface facilities (less than 1/4 mile). had been active nor tended from 1998 to 2003. In 2005 nest 946 contained a chick that was possibly dead. Historically one active and one tended Golden Eagle Nest is within close proximity to the mines surface facilities. After consultation with USFW, Laura Roma, UDWR, Chris Colt, and BLM, Dave Mills, it was determined that there was a high probability these nest sites would be abandoned. A cooperative agreement with the regulatory agencies and UEI was finalized and is made part of the mitigation for the Lila Canyon EA. One nest discussed above, also lies in an area of potential subsidence which is a mute point due to its close proximity to the mine site. Since the nests are located so close to the mine surface facility, their future potential use was deemed to be lost and were so mitigated by a prey base off-site vegetation treatment project approved by the USFWS, UDWR and BLM (See page 19 for BLM mitigation information).

Prior to construction and during operations UEI

will coordinate closely with USFWS, DWR, and the Division to avoid "take" of golden eagles.

The BLM-lead mitigation project is based on the premise that there is sufficient nest sites in the area to accommodate the population base. The limiting factors appears to be available prey base. Mitigation is designed to enhance the prey base while concurrently enhancing habitat for big game, deer, elk, and bighorn sheep.

In addition, there are a number of aquatic Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species associated with the Colorado drainage systems. In the Lila Canyon Permit Area, there are no perennial streams, or ephemeral drainages which are in close enough proximity to perennial streams which could pose a potential threat to any aquatic species.

322.230. All known species or habitats needing special protection under state or federal law have been addressed.

322.300. Adequate copies of the Mine Reclamation Plan have been submitted to the Division to allow for distribution to the Fish and Wildlife Service for their review.

323. Maps or aerial photographs of the permit area and adjacent areas have been provided. Plate 3-1 Wildlife Habitats, is a map that shows all critical habitat, raptor nests and all special habitat features. This plate will be updated on an as needed bases to reflect current conditions such as new raptor nests and/or changes in wildlife use.

323.100. The location of the proposed reference area is shown on Figure 1 of Appendix 3-1. Appendix 3-1 is the report for the 2003 vegetation inventory. The reference area for the mine site disturbance was established during the summer of 2003. The reference area was chosen in an

area which represents the natural premining conditions of the permit area. The reference area will facilitate the determination of successful revegetation and the resultant final bond release for the Applicant.

323.200. Monitoring locations are shown on Plate 3-1 and can also be found on the raptor inventory map in Appendix 3-5.

323.300. Protection facilities: There will be no facilities used exclusively for the protection or enhancement of fish and wildlife.

323.400. Plate 3-2 Identifies each vegetative type and plant community. The sample locations used during the vegetation inventory can be found on Figure 1 of Appendix 3-1. Critical or high priority wildlife use areas can be correlated to vegetation with the incorporation of the Wildlife Map, Plate 3-1.

Appendix 7-8 provides a description of each water monitoring location. In Summary monitoring locations L-6-G, L-7-G, and L-11-G have a habitat overstory of Douglas Fir-Mountain Brush association. Water monitoring location L-8-G has a habitat of predominantly pinyon - juniper and sagebrush grass associations. Water monitoring locations L-9-G, L-10-G, and L-12-G have some minor wet meadow habitat with an overstory of pinyon-juniper and sagebrush grass immediately adjacent along each side of the sites. Water monitoring sites L-16-G and L-17-G are both seeps and have a habitat of a mix of grasses and salt desert shrub with some invasive tamarisk.

Sites L-1-S, L-2-S, L-3-S, L-13-S, L-14-S and L-15-S are dry washes with a habitat consisting of sagebrush with an overstory of pinion-juniper.

Monitoring site L-4-S and L-5-G are for sediment pond discharge and for the mine discharge and have a habitat consisting of an overstory of pinion-juniper.

330. Operation Plan. A plan for protection of vegetation, fish and wildlife resources follows:

331. The permit area is approximately 5,992.07 acres of which only 42.6 acres are within the surface disturbance area. All incidental disturbance, which will not be utilized in operations, will be revegetated with an interim seed mix proven beneficial to wildlife. The revegetation plan is addressed in Section 341 and the seed mixes are addressed in Tables 3-4 and 3-5. Revegetation will occurthe first desirable period following disturbance and/or abandonment.

332. The extent and degree of subsidence will be in large dependent on both the amount of overburden as well as the mining method. Employees and or consultants of the operator have numerous years of experience mining the Bookcliffs and Wasatch areas and none have observed nor are aware of any negative impacts on wildlife or vegetation, as a result of subsidence, with the exception of

1) Escarpment Failure which is not anticipated.

2) Disruption of Surface and / or Ground Water, which is not anticipated.

(1) Escarpments will be protected by implementing escarpment barriers. An escarpment barrier of a minimum of 200', within which no second mining will take place, will be used to protect all escarpments.

(2) Disturbance of Surface and / or Ground Water. Considering, the permit area has no surface water with the exception of intermittent or ephemeral flow associated with precipitation events and / or snow melt, subsidence should have no adverse effect. The ephemeral stream channels, in the area's of potential subsidence, will be monitored to insure there are no adverse impacts to the ephemeral flow.
No negative impacts to vegetation are anticipated. However, vegetation will be monitored in conjunction with subsidence monitoring, utilizing infrared aerial photography once every five years for those areas that are undermined. This will be done in accordance with the subsidence control plan. (See

Section 525). Any loss of or diminished appearance of vegetation will be noted, confirmed on the ground, and a corrective plan to mitigate the loss will be submitted to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining for their approval and concurrence prior to implementation.

It is anticipated that the saturated zone will most certainly produce some water when intercepted in the course of mining. The effect could be positive in the event the mine were to discharge surplus water to the surface. Assuming the water quality was suitable for wildlife, a valuable enhancement fixture could be sustained at a minimum through the life of the mine. While it is possible subsurface disruption of ground water could occur as a result of subsidence it is problematically slight. (See Appendix 7-3 Probable Hydrologic Consequences (PHC).)

The losses of wildlife habitat and or vegetation through subsidence is not anticipated. The mined portion of the permit area will be monitored visually each spring for evidence of subsidence. In the event vegetation and or wildlife habitat where impacted; mitigation could take the form of: 1) habitat enhancement - through selected manipulation of existing undisturbed areas to increase productivity of preferred forage species, and 2) off site water sources such as construction of guzzlers and stock water impoundments.

Each of the above would need to be analyzed on a site specific bases, taking all agencies (UDWR, UDOGM, and BLM) input into a viable, workable, course of action to be implemented by the mine and as stipulated in the Lila Canyon EA.

Table 3-3
Time Table of Reclamation

April 16, 2020	Begin Demolition
November 15, 2020	Complete Demolition
April 16, 2021	Commence Earthwork
August 30, 2021	Completion of Phase 1 (Earthwork) Lower Area
September 1, 2021	Begin Earthwork Road / Portal Upper Area
October 1, 2021	Seeding and Mulching (Weather dependent) Completion of Earthwork Upper Area
November 1, 2021	Fencing
November 15, 2021	Reclamation Completed
July 2025	Ocular Estimates of Success (Remedial seeding if necessary September 2026)
October 2023	Planting Seedlings (If Needed)
July 2027	Quantitative Vegetation Inventory
August 2029	Quantitative Vegetation Inventory Site and Reference Area
August 2034	Quantitative Vegetation Inventory of Referenced Area and Project Site, Bond Release Criteria

The tentative life of a mine is twenty years depending on market and mining conditions. As such, the time table is generic and no set year will be specified for the cessation and abandonment of operations.

333. Major Impact: The major impact to the wildlife in and around Lila Mine site will be loss of habitat. The loss of habitat will occur during the construction of the site, and will be residual throughout the life of the mine. The operational activities at the site will impact the wildlife slightly. But as observed at operations located in both the Book Cliffs and Wasatch plateau, most of the wildlife in the area will either accept or adjust their behavior to coexist with the operation.

The examples below are just some of the observations that the operator has experienced that demonstrates most wildlife accepts or adjusts to coexist with mining operations:

At U.S. Fuel Company, deer were observed crawling under railcars. Deer were observed fawning just inside old portals for three consecutive years.

At Genwal, deer have been observed on a consistent basis crossing a perennial stream to drink from the sediment pond. Bear and elk have been observed on numerous occasions from the bathhouse, office, and parking lot grazing only a few hundred feet away.

At Beaver Creek, deer have been observed drinking from the sediment pond on an almost daily basis. Bear, lion and elk were observed from the bathhouse offices. Deer were observed crawling under low conveyors instead of using a 10' elk crossing only 20' away.

At Kaiser, Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep were observed from the mine office on a regular basis.

At Horse Canyon Bighorn Sheep have been observed in and around the #1 and #2 sediment ponds. The Bighorns have been photographed grazing directly across the road from the inactive mine facilities.

Dust abatement and dust control as outlined in Chapter 5, such as covered conveyors, water sprays, and the minimization of large stockpiles will adequately protect adjacent undisturbed area within and surrounding the surface facilities.

First seam mining (Leaving the pillars) should adequately protect

existing raptor nests from subsidence. All nests within a ½ mile radius of the surface facilities were assumed lost due to indirect disturbance associated with mine activities. The Lila Canyon EA # UT-070-99-22, outlines mitigation recommended through a cooperative effort between Utah Department of Wildlife Resources, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. where mitigation would be implemented to increase prey base off-site. The construction of alternative nests was considered to be ineffective. Eagle distribution was not limited by suitable nest sites but by available prey.

An MSO two-year calling survey will be completed according to Appendix 3-4. Results as described in Appendix 3-4 will be reported to the Division, UDWR, and USFWS. This two-year survey will include four nigh time surveys with no more than one survey prior to end of April and at least three surveys prior to end of July. Results will be submitted to USFWS, DWR, and the Division immediately following of each nigh time survey. If owls are observed, the agencies will reopen the consultation process immediately following the nigh time survey that observed the owls.

Construction at the mine to upgrade drainage controls and to construct the road will have a minor impact on wildlife in the area. The impact will mainly be increased human activity associated with the construction and a small, less than 42.6 acre, loss of habitat for the mine site, roads and sedimentation pond. These impacts will have little or no affect on the wildlife because they will be completed in an environmentally sound manner.

UEI will instruct all personnel as to current regulations regarding the use of off-road vehicles, firearm regulations, and where current UDWR proclamations are available. This training will be part of the annual refresher offered to all employees. The company will encourage strict compliance with these regulations.

DWR will be notified of any road kills involving large game and request to have them removed to safeguard raptors. Mine personnel will be instructed to remove road kills a safe distance from the road way.

The Lila Canyon Mine has agreed to mitigate the loss of wildlife habitat as well as the potential loss of habitat use due to disturbance.

This mitigation is under advisement of the wildlife professionals of both the BLM and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The mitigation designed will offset impacts to bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk, and chukker specifically. The mitigation committed to in association with the Lila Mine EA is :

(1) Install two guzzlers
(2) Participate in a BLM habitat enhancement program on 70+ acres-conversion from Pinyon/Juniper to shrubs, forbs, and grasses.

The overseeing agency for the EA mitigation/enhancement will be the BLM. The implementation dates, and project locations will not be determined until the BLM notice to proceed is given, after permit approval. The Permittee will submit the BLM mitigation plan as an Appendix to this volume within one year of the initial mine construction. The BLM plan will include: project goal, expected benefits, project procedures, company commitment, implementation dates, project location and agencies contacts.

333.100. This section is addressed in 333. And 333.300.

333.200. This section is addressed in 333. And 333.300.

333.300 The goal of the mine is to construct all facilities and conduct mining in such a manner to minimize adverse impacts to wildlife. These measures will include but are not limited to:

1. Interim revegatation with desirable plant species for wildlife, with the exception of transportation corridors.

2. Speed limits on all roads to lesson potential for possible animal/vehicular collisions.

3. Wildlife awareness training to be incorporated into the annual safety training for all employees.

4. Possible restrictions on firearms on the mine site, and restrictions on off road vehicle usage to

lesson disturbance.

5. The Operator will ensure that DWR surveys for cliff nesting raptors within proposed facilities areas at least two years prior and one year following construction. The Division, in consultation with DWR, cleared the two consecutive year requirement if the mine begins construction sometime between 2005 and February 2006. This clearance is because UEI already had eight years of data as well as data for spring 2005. The Operator will continue annual raptor surveys in 2006.

6. An active golden eagle nest, with young, was documented during the 1999 spring raptor survey. The nest is located in the left fork of Lila Canyon within the 1-mile buffer zone. (See Plate 3-1). A consultation with USF&W, BLM, and UDWR was held in the fall of 1999. Line of site and potential mitigation was addressed during this meeting. The results of this consultation are addressed in Sec 322.220 and the Lila Canyon EA. This nest was not active in 2000, 2001, 2002, or 2003. A survey was not done in 2004. In 2005 nest 946 contained a possibly dead chick. (See Appendix 3-5 for updated inventories)

7. The Operator will adhere to exclusionary periods when initiating construction and final reclamation projects. The exclusionary periods include: raptors (Feb 1 - July 1), Bighorn sheep lambing (May 1 - June 15), and Pronghorn (May15 - June 20).

The Applicant does not plan to monitor any wildlife species during the life of the operation with the exception of raptors. Helicopter spring raptor surveys will be conducted at a minimum of a 1-mile radius around any new or potentially disruptive mining activity, 2-years prior and annually after the proposed activity Permittee will contact the USFWS, DWR, and the Division immediately following raptor fly-over surveys if

raptors are observed nesting.

The mine will emphasize their commitment to legal requirements of firearm and off-road vehicle-use by employees. This type of program has been adopted by the operator and will continue throughout the operation. An education program aimed at minimizing potential negative impacts by employees will be presented during the Operators annual retaining programs. Employees will be informed about the wildlife in the area and about which species are protected. They will be counseled to refrain from poaching or harassing animals and about the need to preserve the wildlife. They will also be instructed on the danger of animals on the road during dusk and night hours and consequently the need to reduce speed to avoid colliding with animals difficult to see in these periods of poor light. All threatened or endangered wildlife sighted within or adjacent to the permit area will be reported to the appropriate state and / or federal agency.

The location and construction of the haulage road, as well as measures for the protection of surface hydrology, from sedimentation, including the sedimentation pond and other drainage control structures, are discussed in Chapter 7, Hydrology.

Any waters discharged from the facility will be monitored in accordance with UPDES Permit No.UTG040024. Major disturbances will be scheduled to avoid deer / antelope fawning times.

No use of pesticides or chemicals that have serious consequences to plants or wildlife will be used on the permit area, unless recommended by a regulatory agency and under their direction.

Prevention of fires and their spreading outside the permit area will be accomplished through; water sprays, and fire extinguishers located at all facilities . Wild fires will be addressed by the appropriate state and federal agencies. Operation and reclamation activities will be done in compliance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973. As instructed by the Bureau of land

Management and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, fencing will be removed when DOGM determines that all reclamation standards have been met. Further measures taken to enhance wildlife habitat during reclamation are discussed under the "Reclamation Plans" section of this chapter.

The interim reseeding of small areas will provide some small amounts of additional forage and seed. Reseeding will particularly benefit rodents and passerine birds seeking seeds in this sparse vegetative type. The seeding of sediment pond slopes usually provides a bonus crop of seeds as the plants are watered by intermittent runoff.

Within the disturbed area, there are areas of undisturbed ground such as in topsoil storage areas. These areas will be posted so as to preclude trespass by vehicles and/or mine equipment. In addition, dust control will be practiced throughout the life of the mine to minimize impacts from blowing dust .

The sediment pond on the disturbed area will hold water during short periods and will provide some additional surface water for wildlife. The stored water may prolong use of that portion of the winter range by deer because water is often the limiting factor on dry winter ranges. Migrating small birds and mourning doves will also utilize this water to recuperate during their flights, as well as a small indigenous flock of chukkers. In the event the water in the pond were to contain any material which would be hazardous to wildlife (ex: oil, grease), the material would be removed by the use of petroleum selected filtration material. The filtration material will be used when an apparent sheen is visible on the pond. If hazardous materials are observed the Division will be notified immediately to develop a protection plan for wildlife. The pond will be monitored visually daily by surface personnel for signs of oil and grease.

340. Reclamation Plan.

341. A reclamation plan for final revegetation is presented below.

341.100. TABLE 3-3 is a timetable of reclamation activities upon cessation of operation. The tentative life of a mine is twenty years depending on market and mining conditions. As such, the time table is generic and no set year will be specified for the cessation and abandonment of operations.

341.200. This section is addressed in 341.210.

341.210. TABLE 3-4 indicates the species and amounts per acre of seeds to be used in revegetation.

The seed mixture used to revegetate the disturbed areas at Lila Canyon Mine is given on TABLE 3-4, along with the rates of application. The seed mixture was developed for the disturbed area with respect to a number of considerations. Climatic conditions of area and the availability of water were reviewed to assess the need for drought-tolerant species. The vegetation information was evaluated to determine the seed mixture needs corresponding to productivity, cover and diversity requirements. Data was gleaned from the soils report to select species adapted to the physical and chemical characteristics of the potential seedbed.

341.220. The disturbed area will be reclaimed after all operations have ceased at the mine site and all pertinent structures have been removed. The coal will be loaded out and the surface will be left relatively free of debris. The area will be recontoured to approximate pre-mine configurations. The soil will then ripped to a depth of 16 -18 inches.

The previously salvaged top soil will then be redistributed over the total disturbed area. Soil depth and soil cover are addressed in Chapter 2.

The seedbed will be prepared by completing the final grading and again either gouged or ripped to a depth of 6-18 inches or to bedrock. Ripping the soil will be completed at a speed that maximizes the action of the ripper shanks and promotes spoil material disruption to the required depth.

During the final ripping or gouging process, seedbed material will be collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis to determine fertilizer requirements. The fertilizer recommendations will be added to the soil at the specified rate of application. Seed and fertilizer will be distributed utilizing a hydroseeder. Fertilizer and seed will not be mixed during hydroseeding operations.

Hydroseeding operations will not be conducted when wind velocities would interfere with the even distribution of the material. All efforts will be made to attain an even distribution of seed. (See Appendix 5.8)

Once Hydroseeding is complete, the area will be hydromulched, see Appendix 5-8 and Section 341.230.

The area will be seeded and fertilized (if needed) with the recommended species (see TABLE 3-4), and nutrients at the specified rate of application. At present a general recommendation indicates that 100 pounds per acre of 16-16-8 will need to be added as a nutrient.

All efforts will be made to insure the quality of materials purchased for reclamation activities are maintained throughout all work. Commercially purchased seed will have the seed names, lot number, percentages of purity, germination, hard seed and percentage of

maximum weed seed count clearly marked on each container. No seed will be accepted if they contain seeds of a state-recognized noxious weed species. Sources for "common" seed should be those with climatic and elevational characteristics as close to site characteristics as possible. Legume seed will be inoculated with the correct Rhizobium.

341.230. The site will be hydro-seeded with seed and an initial 500#/acre of mulch and 100#/acre of tac agent. Followed shortly by an additional 1500 to 2000#/acre of mulch. Finally, an additional 100#acre of tac and fertilizer, choice and application rate to be determined by the testing in section 243, will be applied. Fertilizer and seeds will not be mixed together during the hydro-mulching operations.

341.240. There will be no irrigation or supplementary water used during or after the revegetation of the area. There are no planned pest or disease control measures for the mine site reclamation. Pest or disease control measures may be included in this plan if results from the test plot and / or reference area indicate a need. The measures will be consistent with proper rangeland and wildlife management.

341.250. A reference area for the mine site disturbance was established adjacent to the proposed facilities during the summer of 2003 (Figure 1, Appendix 3-1). The reference area was chosen in an area which represents the natural premining conditions of the permit area. This reference area will facilitate the determination of successful revegetation and the resultant final bond release for the Applicant.

Comparisons of the revegetated area and the reference area will be made using the data

Table 3.4/3.5
INTERIM AND FINAL RECLAMATION SEED MIX
Recommended Seed Mix for Lila Canyon Mine

Species	Latin Name	Seeds/lb	# Seeds per Acre Planted	%Mix Planted	Seeding Rate Lbs / acre	Seeds / ft^2
Grasses						
Needle And Thread	Stipa Comata	115,000	230,432	5	2.00	5.3
Indian Ricegrass	Achnatherum humenoides	141,000	282,269	6	2.00	6.5
Basin Wild Rye	Leymus cinereus	130,000	129,373	3	1.00	3.0
Galleta	Hilaria jamesii	314,500	313,632	6	1.00	7.2
Bluebunch Wheatgrass	Pseudoroegneria spicata	140,000	139,392	3	1.00	3.2
Slender Wheatgrass	Elymus trachycaulus	159,000	317,988	6	2.00	7.3
Blue Gamma	Bouteloua gracilis	825,000	827,640	17	1.00	19.0
Subtotal						51.4
Forbs						
Blue Flax	Linum lewisii	293,000	294,030	6	1.00	6.8
Palmer Penstemon	Penstemon palmeri	610,000	152,460	3	0.25	3.5
Globemallow	Sphaeralcea ambigua	500,000	250,470	5	0.50	5.8
Indian Paintbrush	Castilleja linariaefolia	4,915,000	479,160	10	0.10	11.0
Fringed Sage	Artemisia frigida	4,536,000	435,600	9	0.10	10.0
Subtotal						37.0
Shrubs						
Wyoming Big Sage	Artemisia tridentata	2,576,000	653,400	13	0.25	15.0
Green Rabbitbrush	Chrysothamnus nauseosus	400,000	41,382	1	0.10	1.0
Fourwing Saltbush	Atriplex canenscens	52,000	43,560	1	0.84	1.0
Winterfat	Ceratoides lanata	56,700	56,628	1	1.00	1.3
Shadscale	Antriplex confertifolia	64,900	64,904	1	1.00	1.5
Cliffrose	Cowania mexicana	64,600	64,469	1	1.00	1.5
Black Sage	Artemisia nova	907,200	230,868	5	0.25	5.3
Subtotal						26.5
TOTAL PER ACRE		**16,799,900**	**5,007,658**	**100**	**16.39**	**115**

obtained from the ninth and tenth year sampling. This data will be used to obtain statistical information that will show the site meets the requirements for bond release.

341.300. The methods outlined have a proven performance based on the successful reclamation of the Horse Canyon Mine in the immediate drainage to the north (less than two miles) in like habitat and aspect.

The Operator will conduct a study to determine the optimum time for seeding warm seasons species (refer to page 29).

342. Fish and Wildlife. A fish and wildlife plan follows:

342.100. The sediment pond will be maintained through the life of the operation and will be removed when effluent criteria is met following reclamation.

342.200. Rangeland for domestic stock is the secondary intended postmining land use with wildlife habitat as the primary land use. Plant species appropriate for enhancing the wildlife habitat were selected on the basis of known wildlife requirements including nutritional value for fish and wildlife, use as cover for fish and wildlife and ability to support and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. The Pinyon/Juniper area will be enhanced and reclaimed to the Grass/Shrub community type. The habitat type provides excellent winter range for big game, as well as, an increase in rodent populations which in turn are beneficial to raptors The Lila Canyon EA has stipulated that in excess of 70 acres of wildlife habitat will be enhanced to offset negative impacts associated with the disturbance created by the mine-through the life of the mine and until such time as the site is fully reclaimed.

342.210. This section is addressed in 342.200.

342.220. This section is addressed in 342.200.

342.230. This section is addressed in 342.200.

342.300. This section is not applicable.

342.400. This section is not applicable.

350. Performance Standards

351. All coal mining and reclamation operations will be carried out according to plans provided under R645-301-330 through R645-301-340.

352. Lila Canyon Mine will implement contemporaneous reclamation on all areas that are disturbed through construction or in the course of mining that will not be utilized for future activity that constitutes continued disturbance.

353. General Requirements. The Permittee will establish on regraded areas and on all other disturbed areas a vegetative cover that is in accordance with the approved permit and reclamation plan. The first available season following abandonment / completion the area will be seeded and mulch in accordance with the approved reclamation plan.

353.100 The contemporaneous seed mix TABLE 3-5 is capable of self-regeneration.

The seed mix in Table 3-5 is designed to be compatible with native plant species and beneficial to the animals indigenous to the area for both forage and cover.

All seed used in contemporaneous revegetation will be certified and in compliance with all state and federal laws governing seeding.

353.130. The vegetative cover will be at least equal in extent of cover to the natural vegetation of the area; and

353.140. Capable of stabilizing the soil surface from erosion.

353.200. The reestablished plant species will:

353.210. Be compatible with the approved postmining land use:

353.220. Have the same seasonal characteristics of growth as the original vegetation:

353.230. Be capable of self-regeneration and plant succession:

353.240. Be compatible with the plant and animal species of the area; and:

353.250. Meet the requirements of applicable Utah and federal seed, poisonous and noxious plant; and introduced species laws or regulations.

353.300. The Division may grant exception to the requirements of 353.220 and 353.230 when the species are necessary to achieve a quick-growing, temporary, stabilizing cover, and measures to establish permanent vegetation are included in the approved permit and reclamation plan.

353.400. There are no prime farm lands within the permit area or anticipated crop lands.

354. Timing: Seeding will occur between September 30 and may proceed up until March 30 depending on snow and frost condition

DOGM has expressed a concern over the fall planting of the warm season species, Blue grama and Galleta. Both of these species are in evidence at the Horse Canyon Site, which was reclaimed in the fall of 1991. However, UEI is committed to use these species in the interim seed mix, adjacent to the sediment pond. Area 1, the Southeast corner, and Area 4 the Northwest corner of the pond disturbance, will be seeded mid summer (July) following the construction. Area 2, the Southwest quarter and Area 3 the Northeast quarter of the disturbance, will be seeded late fall (October) following

construction. The line separating the four areas will be staked on the ground. Ocular estimates of the success of the reclamation will be implemented each fall for 3 years following the reclamation. In year 4, if there appears to be an apparent difference in success, a quantitative sample will be taken. The sample will identify both species composition as well as overall vegetative cover for both areas.

If in the event a conclusion as to the timing of planting results in a significant degree of success, the reclamation plan can be modified during the 5 year renewal process.

355. Mulch will be applied on the same bases as indicated for permanent reclamation.

356. Standards for Success:

356.100 Success of revegetation will be judged on the effectiveness of the vegetation for the approved postmining land use, the extent of cover compared to the extent of cover of the reference area.

356.110. Standards for success, statistically valid sampling techniques for measuring success, and approved methods are identified in the Division's "Vegetation Information Guidelines, were followed closely. (See "Lila Canyon Vegetation Inventory" found in Appendix 3-1)

356.120. Standards for success recommended in the "Vegetation Information Guidelines" were followed closely. (See "Lila Canyon Vegetation Inventory" found in Appendix 3-1)

356.200. Standards for success will be applied in accordance with the approved postmining land use of wildlife and incidental use by domestic stock.

356.210. This Section does not apply since the area is post mining wildlife habitat, with incidental use

by domestic stock.

356.220. This Section does not apply since there are no agriculture lands within the permit area and no prime farm lands. See Chapter 2, Appendix 2-1 (Prime Farmland Letter).

356.230. Success of vegetation will be determined on the basis of tree and shrub stocking and vegetative ground cover. Such parameters are described as follows:

> The requirements for cover, productivity and woody plant density are, at least 90% of the cover, woody plant density and productivity of the reference area with 90% statistical adequacy. The site will be sampled in a manner similar to the method used to sample the reference area.

Diversity will be determined with the following method:

1) All species encountered with at least a 20% frequency in the vegetation sampling will be categorized into life forms. The life form categories that will be used are native grass, native broadleaf forbs, native shrub, desirable introduced, and undesirable. Undesirable species are those generally classified as weeds or that are poisonous to livestock. If there is any question whether a species should be considered undesirable, the Division and UtahAmerican will consult with the Emery County Weed Department.

2) The standard will be that the reclaimed area must have at least as many native grass, native broadleaf forbs, and native shrub species occurring at 20% or greater frequency as the reference area.

For example, if the reference area has 3 native shrub species occurring at 20% or greater frequency, the reclaimed area must also have this many species. The species do not need to be the same.

Essentially the same method would be used to judge seasonality, but the only categories would be warm and cool season.

Erosion control relative to both vegetation density and species composition would be based on effluent standards as committed in the UDPES permit. All drainages leading away from the permit area will be sampled as often as practical. When effluent standards are met, the vegetation will have demonstrated its erosion control effectiveness. Woody plant density for the entire area will be established with 1,500 plants per acre, unless the Divisions consultation with area agencies determines a different density.

356.231. (See Section 256.230)

356.232. Tree stocking / woody plant density will meet or exceed UDOGM guidelines for bond release.

356.233. Success standards for vegetative ground cover: (See Section 256.230)

356.240. This Section does not apply since no portion of the permit area will be used for industrial, commercial or residential use.

356.250. No pre-law mining occurred on the Lila Canyon Permit area.

356.300. Lila Canyon Mine is committed to maintain siltation structures until vegetative cover is adequate to allow runoff to meet affluent limits as directed by UDOGM at a minimum two years following vegetation establishment.

356.400. Lila Canyon Mine will have all disturbance associated with removal of siltation structures seeded and mulch in accordance with the approved revegetation plan.

357. Revegetation: Extended Responsibility Period.

357.100. The period of extended responsibility for successful vegetation will begin after the last year of seeding, fertilization, irrigation, or other work, excluding approved husbandry practices.

357.200. Vegetation parameters will equal or exceed the approved success standard during the growing seasons for the last two years of the responsibility period. The period of extended responsibility will continue for five or ten years based on precipitation data.

357.210. Since Lila Canyon has an average annual precipitation of less than 26.0 inches this section is not applicable.

357.220. The mine plan area averages nine inches at the lowest elevation (area of greatest disturbance) to fourteen to sixteen inches at the highest elevation. Lila Canyon Mine will assume the ten year bond liability period.

357.300. Husbandry Practices - General Information

357.301. Lila Canyon Mine would like to reserve the right to apply for augmentation of reclaimed area extending the bond liability period on a site

specific case scenario.

357.302. Husbandry practices proposed for the reclaimed areas are not necessitated by inadequate grading practices, adverse soil conditions, or poor reclamation procedures.

357.303. The Division will consider the entire area that is bonded within the same increment, as defined in R645-301-820.110, when calculating the extent of area that may be treated by husbandry practices.

357.304. If it is necessary to seed or plant in excess of the limits set forth under R645-301-357.300, the Division may allow a separate extended responsibility period for these reseeded or replanted areas in accordance with R645-301-820.330.

357.310. Reestablishing trees and shrubs

357.311. Trees or shrubs may be replanted or reseeded at a rate of up to a cumulative total of 20% of the required stocking rate through 40% of the extended responsibility period.

357.312. Lila Canyon Mine has incorporated wood plant / tree seeding into the seed mix (see TABLE 3-4). If after two years following seeding and mulching it is apparent that woody plant density / tree cover appear to be insufficient for bond release; the mine may elect to re-enter selected areas and augment the direct seeding with either / or containerized or bare root seedlings, this determination will need to be made on a site specific bases. The goal for bond release is the establishment of 1500 woody plants per acre.

357.320. Based on similar reclamation projects in adjacent areas, the need to control weeds other than by selected removal is unlikely. In the unlikely event that weed control is required by chemical means, R645-357357.321 will be followed. In the unlikely event that weed control is required by Biological means, R645-357.323 will be followed. In the unlikely event that weed control is required by mechanical means, R645-357.322 will be followed.

357.321. In the unlikely event that weed control is required by Chemical means, R645-357.321 will be followed by mine personnel.

357.322. In the unlikely event that weed control is required by Mechanical means, R645-357.322 will be followed by mine personnel.

357.323. In the unlikely event that weed control is required by Biological means, R645-357.323 will be followed by mine personnel.

357.324. In the unlikely event that weed control practices damage desirable vegetation, R645-357.324 will be followed by mine personnel.

357.330. Wildlife habitat is the priority post mining land use. As such, control of wildlife is not anticipated.

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357.332. Mine personnel do not anticipate a need to implement control measures for small mammals or insects. However, in the unlikely event that control is necessary, R645-357.332 will be followed. The Division must approved animal control methods sited in R645-357.332.

357.340. Natural Disasters and Illegal Activities Occurring After Phase II Bond Release. Where necessitated by a natural disaster, excluding climatic variation, or illegal activities, such as vandalism, not caused by any lack of planning, design, or implementation of the mining and reclamation plan on the part of the Permittee, the seeding and planting of the entire area which is significantly affected by the disaster or illegal activities will be allowed as an accepted husbandry practice and thus will not restart the extended responsibility period. Appendix C of the Division's "Vegetation Information Guidelines" references publications that show methods used to revegetate damaged land. Examples of natural disasters that may necessitate reseeding which will not restart the extended responsibility period include wildfires, earthquakes, and mass movements originating outside the disturbed area.

357.341. The extent of the area where seeding and planting will be allowed will be determined by the Division in cooperation with the Permittee.

357.342. All applicable revegetation success standards will be achieved on areas reseeded following a disaster, including R645-301-356.232 for areas with a

designated postmining land use of forestry or wildlife.

357.343. Seeding and planting after natural disasters or illegal activities will only be allowed in areas where Phase II bond release has been granted.

357.350. No Irrigation is anticipated.

357.360. Rills and gullies in excess of eight inches width and / or depth will be repaired on a seasonal bases. Repairs will be made in such manner that minimizes additional disturbance and yet is cost effective based on site specific conditions.

357.361. After the first 20% of the extended responsibility period but prior to the end of the first 60% of the responsibility period or until Phase II bond release, whichever comes first, highly erodible area and rill and gully repair will be considered augmentative, and will thus restart the responsibility period, if the area to be repaired is greater than 3% of the total disturbed area or if a continuous area is larger than one acre.

357.362. The extent of the affected area will be determined by the Division in cooperation with the Permittee.

357.363. The area affected by the repair of highly erodible areas and rills and gullies is defined as any area that is reseeded as a result of the repair. Also included in the affected areas are interspacial areas of thirty feet or less between

repaired rills and gullies. Highly erodible areas are those areas which cannot usually be stabilized by ordinary conservation treatments and if left untreated can cause severe erosion or sediment *damage.*

357.364. The repair and/or treatment of rills and gullies which result from a deficient surface water control or grading plan, as defined by the recurrence of rills and gullies, will be considered an augmentative practice and will thus restart the extended responsibility period.

357.365. The areas of concern on the initial reclamation are those natural drainage channels which will be reconstructed during the earth moving phase of reclamation. Specific design and specifications are included in Chapter 7 (Drainage Design). All regraded areas in excess of three percent slope will be sacrificed to aid in the retention of moisture and minimize erosion. Areas in excess of 3:1 slopes will receive additional mulch and tac to facilitate vegetation establishment.

358. Protection of Fish, Wildlife Values: Mine personnel will be trained annually on environmental awareness, a portion of the training will deal with wildlife concerns, such as avoidance during stress periods, caution in driving to and from work during peak usage periods, recognition of any threatened and endangered species etc. Speed limits will be posted to minimize vehicular / wildlife accidents. In addition, all suitable water encountered during mining will be discharged in such a manner to make it available to wildlife.

358.100. Appendix 3-3 is a letter from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service identifying all threatened and endangered species that could occur in the permit area or within a one-half mile proximity. All mine personnel will be trained to identify these species and instructed to notify the environmental coordinator at the mine. The environmental coordinator will confirm, if possible, the identification, notify the Division, and then take what ever actions are necessary to safeguard both the species and it's habitat.

In addition, a threatened and endangered species inventory will be conducted prior to any disturbance. Historical as well as current threatened and endangered inventories are included in Appendix 3-4.

Prior to any disturbance a raptor inventory will be conducted to ensure that no raptors or their nests or young would be adversely impacted through any mining or mine related activity. A copy of historical raptor data as well as current survey results are attached as Appendix 3-5.

A one-half mile buffer zone of no disturbance during critical nesting periods will be maintained during that portion of the year that the nest sites are active.

358.200. No coal mining and reclamation operations will be conducted in a manner which would result in the unlawful taking of a bald or golden eagle, its nests, or any of the eggs.

358.300. This section is addressed in 358.200.

358.400. There are no wetlands and / or riparian areas within the area of potential disturbance.

358.500. Each operator will, to the extent possible using the best technology currently available:

358.510. All power and transmission lines will be designed with the best technology

available to safeguard raptors.

358.520. All structures; fences, conveyors etc., will be designed to allow free movement of large mammals except in those areas where it is necessary to preclude large animals for their own safety; example: power substations, oil storage area etc.

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County, Utah". This report was written in March 1986 by Don Southworth and Asa S. Nielson for the Mining and Reclamation Plan submitted to the Division by Intermountain Power Agency. A cultural Resource Inventory of the Kaiser Steel Corporation South Lease Mine Property and a Test Excavation (42EM1343 in Emery County, East Central Utah conducted by Rebecca Rauch (1981). These and additional survey reports of the area are included in Appendix 4-1.

Detailed archeological ground surveys were conducted at the Lila Canyon mine site and associated disturbed area, by Montgomery Archaeological personnel. This survey was conducted in 1998 and 1999 and is included within Appendix 4-1.

411.141. Historic resources All such sites are depicted on Plate 4-3.

411.141.1 The locations of listed or eligible cultural and historical resources in the area are discussed in Appendix 4-1 and shown on Plate 4-3.

411.141.2 No cemeteries are located in or within 100 feet of the proposed permit area.

411.141.3. No land within the proposed permit area is within the boundaries of any units of the National System of Trails or the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

411.142. Within the area there are five historic resources that are either on or eligible for listing on the National register. There is one listed site (42EM1222) 2.5 miles from the facility area. One eligible site (42EM1343) has been recovered and another (42EM2517) will be recovered prior to construction. The other two eligible sites (42EM2255 and 42EM2256) are not expected to be impacted by operations.

SHPO concurs with the Division's determination of "No Historic Properties Affected" for 42Em2255 and 42Em2256. The SHPO is aware of the BLM recovery plan for 42Em2517 that will occur after mine plan approval and before construction.

No publicly owned parks or places listed on the National Register of Historic Places would be adversely affected by the proposed coal mine.

411.143. BLM will develop a BLM recovery plan for 42EM2517 that will occur after mine plan approval and before construction.

411.144 Of the nineteen cultural and historical sites identified in the area, only one, 42EM1222, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This site is approximately 2.5 miles from the surface facility and therefore, no impacts should occur at this site.

411.200. Previous mining and exploration activities have occurred within the proposed permit area within the last twenty years. In the mid-1950's, the road along the bottom of Lila Canyon was constructed to allow exploration of the resources. The road intersects the Horse Canyon Highway approximately 1.4 miles to the north and loops back to the south to intersect Highway 191 and 6 to the south (see Plate 4-1). Two sealed breakouts (Plate II-2 of Horse Canyon Plan) are located in the left fork of Lila Canyon where the Lila Canyon fan was installed in the 1950's. The Lila Canyon fan was used until the closure of Horse Canyon post 1977, and therefore, the current Coal Regulatory Program has jurisdiction over this disturbance and it is included in the permit area.

411.210. Coal was removed from the outcrop of Horse Canyon and transported back through the Horse Canyon Mine. Excavation indicates only a small amount of coal was previously removed.

411.220. In the past, coal was removed from the Sunnyside Seam.

411.220. Because the old portal has been sealed, it is difficult to ascertain the total amount of coal which had been removed.

411.240. The exact date of the coal outcrop excavations is

525.450 Subsidence control measures.

525.451. No backstowing or backfilling of voids used as a subsidence control measure is planned at this time. Therefore, this section is not applicable.

525.452. Support pillars as a subsidence control measure is not anticipated at this time. However, an area of partial mining where an unmined coal block will be left for subsidence control is shown on Plate 5-5. First mining indicates an area where a block of coal is roomed leaving pillars for support with no mining of the remaining pillars. Partial mining as shown on Plate 5-5 indicates an area where a block of coal has been isolated without the rooms being developed. Both first mining and partial mining will leave support that can be used to control subsidence. If the partially mined area shown on Plate 5-5 is ever roomed out, the area now defined as partially mined would become an area defined as being first mined.

525.453. An outcrop barrier of coal will be left to protect the escarpments at the outcrop. As per the R2P2 only first mining will be allowed within 200' of the outcrop. Mains, submains, and ventilation portals will be allowed within the outcrop.

525.454 No measures will be taken on the surface to prevent material damage or lessening of the value or reasonable foreseeable use of the surface.

525.460. Anticipated effects of planned subsidence may include tension cracks, fissures, or sink holes. Areas of minimal ground lowering may be anticipated. The chances of subsidence related damage to any perceived renewable

526.200 Utility Installation and Support Facilities.

526.210 All coal mining and reclamation operations will be conducted in a manner which minimizes damage, destruction, or disruption of services provided by oil, gas, and water wells, oil, gas, and coal-slurry pipelines, railroads, electric and telephone lines, and water and sewage lines which may pass over, under, or through the permit area, unless otherwise approved by the owner of those facilities and the Division. Since no existing services are found within the projected disturbed area, no negative impact to any service is anticipated.

A BLM and State Lands Utility Right-of-Way has been applied for to contain an access road, rail from the existing main line near highway 10, electric power, phone lines, and gas service. This ROW is not included within the MRP and will not fall under the R645 regulations.

526.220 The new support facilities are described in section 520 and in Appendix 5-4 and shown on plate 5-2 and will be operated in accordance with the mine reclamation plan. Plans and drawings for each support facility to be constructed, used or maintained within the permit area are found in Appendix 5-4, Plates 5-7A, 5-7B, and 5-8.

526.221 The new facilities designs shown in Appendix 5-4 prevents or controls erosion and siltation, water pollution, and damage to public or private property, and:

526.222 The new facilities designs shown in Appendix 5-4 minimizes damage to fish, wildlife, and related environmental values; and minimizes additional contributions of suspended solids to stream flow or runoff outside the permit area to the extent possible by using the best technology currently available.

additional monitoring for that area will be required.

A ground survey will be performed in conjunction with the quarterly water monitoring program. During the normal water monitoring program any cracks observed will be noted and reported to DOGM.

Two areas of the permit have stream reaches with less than 1,000 feet of cover over the coal seam. As discussed in Section 525.120, it is not envisioned that subsidence will negatively impact these areas. However, during and following mining near these areas, special attention will be paid to these areas during the ground surveys.

The ground survey will consist of walking and photographing the various areas of the surface over the mine where subsidence might occur. If evidence of subsidence is identified, the area of subsidence will be surveyed and the extent of the disruption identified. Depending on the extent and location of the damage, mitigation measures will be reviewed and implemented. Due to the fact that mitigation options change with time as new technology and measures are developed, no specific measures are presented in the application. However, UAE provides a commitment that where subsidence damage affects uses of the surface, the land will be restored to a condition capable of maintaining the value and reasonable foreseeable uses which it was capable of supporting before the subsidence. The surface effects will be repairs as described in Section 525.500.

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Chapter 7

700. HYDROLOGY

710. Introduction

711. General Requirements

711.100 The existing hydrologic resources of the proposed Lila Canyon Mine area are detailed under section 720.

711.200 The proposed operations and potential impacts to the hydrologic balance are described in Sections 728 and 730.

711.300 All methods and calculations utilized to achieve compliance with hydrologic design criteria and plans are described in Section 740 and Appendix 7-4.

711.400 Applicable performance standards

711.500 Reclamation hydrology is described in Section 760 and in Appendix 7-4.

712. All cross sections, maps and plans required by R645-301-722 as appropriate, and R645-301-731.700 have been prepared and certified according to R645-301-512.

713. Impoundments will be inspected as described under Section 514.300:

A professional engineer or specialist experienced in the construction of impoundments will inspect the impoundment.

Inspections will be made regularly during construction, upon completion of the construction, and at least yearly until removal of the structure or release of the performance bond.

The qualified, registered professional engineer will promptly, after each inspection, provide to the Division, a certified report that the impoundment

has been constructed and maintained as designed and in accordance with the approved plan and the R645 Rules. The report will include discussion of any appearances of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions, depth and elevation of any impounded waters, existing storage capacity, any existing or required monitoring procedures and instrumentation and any other aspects of the structure affecting stability. (See Appendix 5-2 for the inspection form).

A copy of the report will be retained at or near the mine site.

There are no impoundments at this site subject to MSHA, 30 CFR 77.216; therefore, weekly inspections are not required.

Impoundments not subject to MSHA, 30 CFR 77.216 will be examined at least quarterly by a qualified person designated by the operator for appearance of structural weakness and other hazardous conditions.

720. Environmental Description

721. General. The following information will present a description of the existing, pre-mining hydrologic resources within the proposed permit and adjacent areas. This information will be used to aid in determining if these areas will be affected or impacted by the proposed coal mining activities.

The proposed Lila Canyon Mine is located, in the southwestern portion of the Book Cliffs in Emery County, Utah, approximately 2 miles south of the old Horse Canyon Mine, formerly operated by Geneva Steel Company. The proposed mining will be in the Upper (and possibly Lower) Sunnyside Seam of the Blackhawk Formation.

Existing hydrologic resources of the area consist of: Surface water resources - intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow streams; and Groundwater resources - springs and seeps and perched, isolated aquifers. These resources have been evaluated using hydrologic data from the Horse Canyon Mine, water level piezometers, and seep/spring inventory data of the proposed mine and adjacent areas. Plates 7-1 and 7-1A show the locations of the surface drainages, springs and seeps, and piezometers.

722. Cross Sections and Maps

722.100 Subsurface Water. The locations where subsurface water, including springs and seeps, have been identified are presented on Plates 6-5 and 7-1 and data results are included in Appendix 7-1. Relevant cross sections of subsurface water, geology, and drill holes are shown on Plate 6-5. Where sufficient data are available, the seasonal head differences are presented on contour maps (see Figure 7-2A) and on a Piezometer hydro graph plot (see Figure 7-2B).

722.200 Surface Water. Location of all streams and stockwatering ponds or tanks in the area of the mine are shown on Plate 7-1. There are no perennial streams, lakes or ponds known to exist within the proposed permit or adjacent areas.

A new diversion work has recently been constructed by the BLM at the confluence of the Right Fork of Lila Canyon and Grassy Wash. Water from this diversion is directed to the stock pond located in Section 28, T. 16 S., R 14 E. Figure 1 in Appendix 7-9 shows the location of the diversion and the alignment of the diversion channel to the stock pond. Also, the location of the overflow channel back to Grassy Wash is also presented on the figure. No other ditches or drains are known to have been constructed in the area of the mine.

722.300 Baseline Data Locations. Locations of all baseline data monitoring points are shown on Plate 7-1. Baseline water quality and quantity data is included in Appendix 7-1.

722.400 Water Wells. Three wells and three piezometers have been identified in the permit and adjacent areas. Two wells are located within the alluvium of lower Horse Canyon Creek. Three water piezometers were drilled in the area, IPA #1, IPA #2 and IPA #3, to monitor mine water levels. Drill hole S-32 was drilled and converted to a water monitoring hole by Kaiser in 1981. The details of these wells and piezometers are discussed in Section 724.100 of the application. The location of all these wells and piezometers is shown on Plate 7-1. No information on any other wells has been identified.

722.500 Contour Maps Contour Maps of the proposed disturbed area and mining areas are included as Plates 5-2A, 5-2B, 7-1 and 7-2. These maps use U.S.G.S. based contours and accurately represent the proposed permit

and adjacent areas. Disturbed area maps present greater detail from low-level aerial photography, for greater detail, and are tied to relevant U.S.G.S. elevations to ensure correlation between the maps.

723. Sampling and Analysis

All water quality analyses performed to meet the requirements of R645-301-723 through R645-301-724.300, R645-301-724.500, R645-301-725 through R645-301-731, and R645-301-731.210 through R645-301-731.223 will be conducted according to the methodology in the current edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" or the methodology in 40 CFR Parts 136 and 434. Water quality sampling performed to meet the requirements of R645-301-723 through R645-301-724.300, R645-301-724.500, R645-301-725 through R645-301-731, and R645-301-731.210 through R645-301-731.223 will be conducted according to either methodology listed above when feasible. "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" is a joint publication of the American Water Works Association, and the Water Pollution Control Federation and is available from the American Public Health Association, 1015 Fifteenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

724. Baseline Information

This section presents a description of the groundwater and surface water hydrology, geology, and climatology resources to assist in determining the baseline hydrologic conditions which exist in the permit and adjacent areas. This information provides a basis to determine if mining operations can be expected to have a significant impact on the hydrologic balance of the area.

724.100 Ground Water Information. This section presents a discussion of baseline groundwater conditions in the permit and adjacent areas. The data set consists of piezometer, spring and seep inventory data, mine discharge, and mine inflow information from the abandoned Horse Canyon Mine. Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 provide data through the 2002 sampling period. All of these data and other recent data are available in the DOGM electronic database. The data, provided in Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 and the DOGM electronic data base, were obtained from multiple sources, including (but not limited to) on-site sampling efforts, the Horse Canyon Mine P.A.P. filed by Geneva Steel and annual reports, U.S. Geological Survey publications, and various consultant reports. Since not all monitoring parties were required to adhere to UDOGM or SMCRA rules, the laboratory parameters varied between reports. However, the data are still considered valid and

appropriate for determining baseline conditions within the permit and adjacent areas. The location of the sampling points are presented on Plates 7-1 and 7-1A.

History of Data Collection. The U.S. Geological Survey conducted a water quality study in Horse Canyon from August 1978 until September 1979 during the time that U.S. Steel operated the mine. Samples were taken monthly from the Horse Canyon Creek and analyzed for most major ions and cations and field parameters. Metals, eight nitrogen species and other minor chemical constituents were taken on a quarterly basis or less.

Between January 1981 and April 1983, baseline water quality data was collected for four surface water/spring sites B-1, HC-1, RF-1 and RS-2, and 3 UPDES Discharge Points, 001 (Mine Discharge), 002 (Mine Discharge) and 003 (Sewer Plant) , on the Horse Canyon permit area. Between 14 and 19 samples were taken and analyzed during the monitoring period depending on the site. The parameters that were analyzed were derived from Section 783.16 in the regulations. DOGM monitoring guidelines were not in force at that time.

Two other sites, RS-1, and RS-2, were sampled once a year during 1978, 1979, and 1980 and analyzed for most major chemical constituents. In addition, springs H-1, H-6, H-18, and H-21 were sampled once by JBR and analyzed for the major constituents in 1985. Third quarter data for 1989 were collected for B-1, HC-1, RF-1, and RS-2 and sampled for most of the parameters in DOGM's guidelines.

Sample sites B-1, HC-1, RF-1 and RS-2, along with the UPDES Discharge Points 001A and 001B, have been monitored quarterly since 1989 in accordance with the approved water monitoring plan for the Horse Canyon Mine (Part A). The results of this monitoring have been submitted to the Division each year with the Annual Report and or have been entered into the Divisions electronic data base.

Baseline monitoring was also conducted on the proposed Lila Canyon Mine extension area by Earthfax Engineering in 1993-1995. Some 60 sites were identified and monitored. This data is presented in Appendix 7-1.

The operational water monitoring program committed to the permit application was implemented in July, 2000. Data will be collected from new monitoring sites L-1-S through L-4-S. L-5-G has yet to be installed. These sites are typically dry and no quality data has been gathered as yet. Sites

L-6-G through L-10-G have been monitored for baseline in 1993, 1994, and 1995. These sites, along with piezometers IPA-1, IPA-2 and IPA-3, were monitored in December 2000 to determine if they were still viable and to establish a current baseline that will be continuous with operational monitoring.

Sites L-11-G and L-12-G were added in October 2001 to replace sites L-6-G and L-10-G. Sites L-13-S, L-14-S, L-15-S, and L-18-S are being used to determine flow characteristics of the Williams Draw Wash, Wash below L-12-G, Little Park Wash, and Stinky Springs Wash.

Sites L-6-G, L-10-G and L-15-S were determined to either provide no flow data or data that was less representative than the replacement sites and will be suspended from sampling in the 1st quarter of 2003.

Wells. The wells in the mine area consist of two water supply wells, three water level piezometers, and an exploration borehole converted to a monitoring well.

Two wells are located within the alluvium of lower Horse Canyon Creek, near the Horse Canyon Mine. These wells area completed in the aerially small, alluvial aquifer at the mouth of Horse Canyon which contains groundwater likely collect from infiltration of surface flows from the upper Horse Canyon area. As indicated in Section 722.400, the well located near the main Horse Canyon surface facilities, identified as Horse Canyon well on Plate 7-1A, is still open, although not operational at this time. The well was investigated and it was determined that it would not be useful as a piezometer. The pump is sitting on the top of a concrete cap encapsulating the top of the well. The site could not be used as a piezometer without removing the pump. This well will be donated to the College of Eastern Utah as part of the Post Mine Land Use Change. The well located near the road junction, identified as MDC well on Plate 7-1A, is an abandoned well owned by Minerals Development Corporation. This well has been sealed to the operator's best knowledge. No hydrologic data is presently available from either of these wells.

Three water level piezometers were drilled as part of plans to access the Kaiser South Lease by I.P.A. These piezometers were designated IPA-1, IPA-2 and IPA-3, and are located in the Lila Canyon Permit area (see Plate 7-1). IPA monitored these sites for water depth from 7/94 to 4/96. These monitoring results are included in Appendix 7-1 and monitoring points and measured water levels are shown on Plate 7-1. It should be noted that the

monitoring of these holes was done over the 2 3/4 year period to provide baseline data for the South Lease by I.P.A. Monitoring of water depths at these points by UtahAmerican commenced in December 2000 and continued through present. As indicated by the data in Appendix 7-1, the water levels in the holes show very little fluctuation. Levels change from less than 1.2' to a maximum of 21.2' over an eight year monitoring period. Figure 7-2A and 7-2B present the seasonal fluctuations of the water levels as contour maps and hydrographs. Using these water levels, an estimate of the projected water level assuming that the zones from the individual piezometers are connected is shown on Plate 7-1 and the monitoring results are included in Appendix 7-1 - Baseline Monitoring.

The piezometers were installed to provide depth of water only. It is impossible to drop a bailer 1000 feet and withdraw a water sample without contaminating the sample. It has been suggested that sampling pumps be installed on these wells. Appendix 7-11 discusses the difficulties of using pumps and bailers in these wells. Due to limited pump capabilities in a 2-inch diameter well such sampling is not feasible. Therefore the depth and diameter of the piezometers holes make it impossible to use them for baseline quality.

Drill holes S-26, S-27, S-28, and S-31 were cased in 3" PVC pipe with bottom perforations for water monitoring; however, cement seals were faulty, allowing the PVC pipe to fill with cement. Drill hole S-26 was reported dry in the week prior to cementing.

It has been reported by Kaiser that holes within one and one-quarter miles east of the cliff face were drilled with air, mist and foam and did not detect any water in the subsurface with the exception of drill hole S-32. No apparent increase in fluid level could be attributed to groundwater inflow from these holes, some of which were open for two weeks. Exploration drill holes in the South Lease property south of Williams Draw did not encounter groundwater within 1 to 1.25 miles of the coal outcrop. Exploration drill holes in the South Lease property, south of Williams Draw, did not encounter groundwater within 1 to 1.25 miles of the coal outcrop.

S-32 is located approximately three miles south of Lila Canyon and is separated from Lila by at least two known fault systems. The drill log along with the Chronology of Development and Pump tests are included in Appendix 6-1. Water levels measured are shown in the `"Chronology of Development". Water quality analysis for S-32 is also included in Appendix 6-1. The location of S-32 is shown on Plate 7-1. The Permittee visited S-32

in 2002 and attempted to measure water levels, but found that piezometer S-32 was unusable.

Spring and Seep Data. JBR Consultants Group (1986) conducted a spring and seep inventory of the Horse Canyon area during the fall of 1985. During the study, no springs or seeps were located within the disturbed area or near the proposed surface facilities. Within and adjacent to the permit area, 19 springs and seeps were found. Flows occurred from either sandstone beds located over shales or from alluvium. The flow rates from the springs varied from less than 1 gpm to about 10 gpm. Table 7-1 shows the flow rates and field data for each site. Sample results are listed in Appendix 7-6.

Based on the data, nine of the springs occurred from alluvial deposits in the stream channels or in colluvium. Nine of the remaining springs discharge from sandstone located above less permeable shale. Spring (H-92) was developed by excavating into bedrock. The discharge from this spring is through a pipe.

An additional spring and seep survey was conducted in the area, including the proposed Lila Canyon Mine area, by Earthfax Engineering in 1993 through 1995. Results of this survey are included in Appendix 7-1 of this permit. This is the most consistent and most recent data; therefore, this data has been used for baseline monitoring in Appendix 7-1.

All of the spring and seep sites identified from the various surveys are presented on Plate 7-1A. The geologic source for the springs can be determined by comparing Plates 6-1 and 7-1 and 7-1A. Additionally, the elevation of the sampling points can be estimated from the topographic base map. All groundwater use (seeps and springs) within the permit and adjacent areas is confined to wildlife and stock watering.

It should be noted that a number of sample sites and monitoring holes have been noted in previous submittals. Sites A-26 and A-31 were mentioned in the Horse Canyon Mine Plan; however, these sites were drilled in 1981, and no data is available as to location and/or water quality data. These sites are considered non-usable for this plan. Sites H-21A, H-21B, H-18A, H-18B, HC-1A and an unidentified spring 1000' southwest of HCSW-2 have been mentioned; however, no sample data or pertinent information is available for these sites, and they have been removed from Plates 7-1 and 7-1A. Plates 7-1 and 7-1A has therefore been revised to show only seep/spring and other pertinent hydrologic data points for which adequate, reliable data is available for the plan.

Water rights for the mine and adjacent areas are addressed in Section 722.200 of this P.A.P.

Table 7-1
1985 Spring and Seep Survey Results

Spring ID	Temp (C°)	pH	Conduct. (umhos.)	Flow (gpm)	Occurrence	Use	Sampled
H-1	7	8.1	950	2	SS over	wildlife	yes
H-2	10	8.0	1111	2	Colluvium	wildlife	no
H-3	-	-	-	<<1	Alluvium	wildlife	no
H-4	9	7.7	1229	1	Colluvium	wildlife	no
H-5	10.5	7.7	1359	1	Alluvium	wildlife	no
H-6	9	7.9	1366	10	SS over	cattle	yes
H-7	9.5	7.6	1985	<1	SS	cattle	no
H-8	12	7.8	1997	<1	SS	wildlife	no
H-9	11	7.7	1919	2	Alluvial	cattle	no
H-10	11	7.9	2150	1	Alluvial	cattle	no
H-11	9.5	7.8	1227	2.5	Alluvium	cattle	no
H-13	11	7.1	1596	4.5	Colluvium	cattle	no
H-14	7	7.5	2040	2	SS over	cattle	no
H-18	7	7.9	1381	9	Alluvium	wildlife	yes
H-19	8	8.2	645	3.5	SS over	developed	no
H-20	14	8.3	777	2.5	SS over	none	no
H-21	14	8.3	968	6	SS over	wildlife	yes
H-22	5	8.3	322	1	SS over	none	no
H-92	-	-	-	<<<1	SS over	none	no

Mine Inflow Information. Based on the historic record, water was encountered underground in the Horse Canyon Mine, resulting in outflows from portal areas of approximately 0.2 cfs or 90 gpm. The size of the flows from pumping or from old portal discharges is more the result of the large size of the mine (approx. 1500 ac), rather than the result of intercepting a localized high flowing aquifer. If the flow is distributed over the mine area, the average inflow is about 0.6 gpm per acre. The water encountered was likely discharge from perched aquifers or saturated sandstone lenses encountered during mining, not uncommon in mines in the Blackhawk Formation.

According to mining records of U.S. Steel (previous owner), groundwater was monitored within the Horse Canyon mine in several locations. Generally, the underground flows occurred from roof drips or areas where entries encountered sandstone lenses. As discussed in the Blackhawk Formation description, the inflows were similar to inflows found in other mines along the Book Cliffs. This is thought to represent an interception of an isolated saturated zone in the subsurface. Generally, a saturated, perched sandstone lense which overlies the coal seam is intersected by the mining operation. This provides a flow path for the isolated water in the sandstone lense to drain into the mine. Over time as the volume of water in the sandstone lense decreases, the rate of discharge also decreases. Eventually, the inflow ceases as the available water in the lense is fully drained. This drying up of the inflow is indicative of a very limited recharge to the deep strata in area, which is consistent with the known horizontal and vertical hydraulic conductivity of the Blackhawk Formation.

Flows which issued from rock slopes and gob areas, where roof collapse may have occurred, were also small. These area would have exposed numerous points for inflow from sand stone lenses, roof bolts, and fractures within the formation. Therefore, it would be likely that if there were large amounts of water stored within the formation, the inflows from these area would have been significantly greater. The lack of these flows from these areas of the mine are a further indication that limited water was stored in the formation and that the recharge to the formation from overlying strata was also limited.

During the period from 1957 to 1962, an exploration test entry was mined south from the Geneva Mine into the Lila Canyon Area. This entry encountered in-place water, which was allowed to collect in short cuts made into the down dip entry which was sufficient to keep excess water from working areas. The exploration entry was terminated when the Entry fault

was encountered (see Plate 7-1). More than two months was spent drilling to ascertain the nature of the fault and locate the coal seam. During this period, there is no mention in the records of excess water or that water was encountered in the Entry fault area.

There is no estimate of water quality retrieved while mining the exploration entry other than mentioned above. However, water flow and seeps were reported to be in the range of 1 to 24gpm.

Only when the mine neared the Sunnyside Fault was significant water encountered. The water was initially pumped for use in the water supply system for the mine. When inflows increased beyond in-mine needs, to keep the workings near the Sunnyside Fault from flooding, the mine pumped water collected from this area from the workings during the period 1980 through 1983, prior to suspending operations. The development plan for the mining within the Lila Canyon extension is planned to avoid the Sunnyside Fault. Therefore, the amount of water to be encountered underground will be limited.

The rate of inflow into the Horse Canyon Mine is not precisely known. In U.S. Steel's Permit Application Package (PAP) (1983) they estimated the average discharge from the mine to be 0.2 cfs. Lines and Plantz (1981, p. 32) also estimated the discharge from the mine to be 0.2 cfs and mentioned that the discharge was intermittent. It is not known, however, if this represents a constant average flow or the average flow rate during discharge periods. The mine was using an unknown volume of water within the mine for dust suppression and other operational needs.

According to the I.P.A. Mining and Reclamation Plan for Horse Canyon, Kaiser Coal re-entered the mine in 1986. They found that at the intersection of the Main Slope and 3rd level, at the rotary car dump, there was water in the bottom of the dump. The water level in the dump was described in the Horse Canyon P.A.P. as being "about 30 feet below the floor (personnel communication, 1990)". U.S. Steel monitoring site 2 Dip, a sump where water collected, is very near this location and has an elevation of 5,827 feet. Therefore, the water level in the rotary dump would be at a level of about 5,800 feet. No other water levels were obtained during 1986.

In 1993, BXG also re-entered the Horse Canyon Mine. They reported water levels at the rotary car dump at approximately 5870. It is not known if this reported level was for the same locations, but it is assumed to be the close to the same location. Due to the extended period without pumping, this

water level is probably representative of the level of water collected in the rest of the mine. Therefore, to be conservative, it is assumed that the Geneva exploration entries driven south from the Horse Canyon Mine into the proposed Lila Canyon mining area do contain water since the tunnels elevation is approximately 5855 feet.

The Horse Canyon Mine has been closed and the surface area reclaimed. With no significant inflow to the old workings, no discharges are occurring from any of the portal areas nor are expected in the future. It is known however, that water has collected in the old entries. As future mining activities, for the proposed Lila Canyon Mine, will be occurring near this area of collected water in the old exploration entry workings, it is likely that some of this water will be intercepted by the proposed Lila Canyon Mine (see Plate 7-1). Water may then have to be pumped from the mine. Because of undulating floor and unknown void areas, it is impossible to determine the amount of water that would be pumped. The rate of pumping, if any, would be determined by the water discharge system design. All water discharged from the mine would be discharged at UPDES Site # 002A which is Site L-5-G, and will meet all UPDES standards. DOGM has specified planning to include a mine discharge of 500 gpm maximum.

An inspection of the Horse Canyon area following mining has shown no diminution of reasonably foreseeable use of aquifers. Since mining ceased in 1983, subsidence should have occurred within two years. However, no deterioration of the aquifers in the area was identified. Mining has not yet begun on the Lila Canyon site; however, since the structure and groundwater regime is similar to the Horse Canyon area, no diminution or deterioration of groundwater resources is expected in this area.

As the mining in the Lila Canyon Mine will be from the same seam and the adjacent strata are the same and the over and underburden are the same, occurrences of ground water in the Lila Canyon Mine are expected to be similar to the Geneva Mine (Horse Canyon). The water quality is expected to be the same as the water encounter in the Horse Canyon Mine. Samples taken underground from the Horse Canyon Mine to the north of the Lila Canyon Mine and from well S-32 by Kaiser to the south of the Lila Canyon Mine show the water from the level of the coal seam to be a calcium, sodium-sulfate type water. Therefore, it is likely that the water from the strata between these two points from the same strata will be very similar.

Inflows of water encountered while mining are expected to reduce to seeps or dry up in a short period of time. If a significant water inflow is

encountered, the water, which is not needed for underground operations, will be collected, treated as necessary, and pumped to the surface for discharge under the terms of the UPDES permit.

Groundwater Systems. In the Lila Canyon Lease area, the groundwater regime consists of two separate and distinct multilayered zones. The upper zone consists of the Wasatch Group which consists of the Colton Formation, the undifferentiated Flagstaff Limestone-North Horn Formation, and the Price River Formation. These formations contain groundwater in perched aquifers. These perched zones are classified as aquifers because they supply groundwater in sufficient quantities for a specific use (as specified by R645-100-200). The lower zone consists of the Blackhawk Formation (where the coal seams are located). This formation consist of low-permeable strata which contain groundwater in isolated saturated zones. Based on the definition in the DOGM regulations (R645-100-200), there is no aquifer in the lower saturated zone, because the water is not developed for a specific use nor does the strata transmit sufficient water to supply water sources. Additionally, there is no discharge from this zone along any fault or fracture or in any adjacent canyons. The two zones are separated by the Castlegate Sandstone. This zone is a porous, fairly clean sandstone. According to Fisher, et.al. (1960), the Castlegate Sandstone does not have any shales, clays, siltstones, or mudstones. The lower zone is underlain by the Mancos Shale, a very impermeable marine shale.

Geologic conditions in the permit and adjacent areas are described in detail in Chapter 6 of this P.A.P. Though discussed in several publications for the general Book Cliffs area, formal aquifer names have not been applied to any groundwater system in the permit and adjacent areas because the geometry, continuity, boundary conditions, and flow paths of the groundwater systems in the area differ somewhat from the general published discussions. However, the data do suggest that groundwater systems in each of the bedrock groups are sufficiently different from each other to justify the informal designation of groundwater systems based on bedrock lithology. Thus, the informal designation of the Upper zone - Colton, Flagstaff/North Horn, and Price River and the Lower zone - Castlegate, Blackhawk, and Mancos groundwater systems is adopted herein.

The majority of groundwater in the permit and adjacent areas generally occurs within perched aquifers in the upper zone overlying the coal-bearing Blackhawk Formation. In the lower zone groundwater occurs in isolated saturated zones in the Blackhawk Formation. Hydrogeologic conditions within the permit and adjacent areas are summarized below:

Upper Zone

Colton Formation. The Colton Formation outcrops in the northeast portion of the permit and adjacent areas. This formation consists predominantly of fine-grained calcareous sandstone with occasional basal beds of conglomerates and interbeds of mudstone and siltstone. Data presented in Plates 7-1 and 7-1A and Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 indicate that 16 springs issue from the Colton Formation within the permit and adjacent areas.

Waddell et al. (1986) evaluated the discharge of springs in the formation for the period of June to September 1980. The measured discharge rate generally declined during the 4-month period of evaluation. This suggests that the groundwater system has a good hydraulic connection with surface recharge and that most of the annual recharge quickly drains out of the system.

Groundwater issuing from the Colton Formation has a total dissolved solids ("TDS") concentration of 300 to 600 mg/l (as measured by specific conductance and laboratory analyses of TDS). The pH of this water is slightly alkaline (7.5 to 8.1). Insufficient data are available to describe seasonal variations in these parameters.

The water is a calcium-magnesium-bicarbonate type (see Appendix 7-1). The data also indicated total iron concentrations of <0.04 to 4.89 mg/l. Total manganese concentrations ranged from <0.01 to 1.29 mg/l.

Undifferentiated Flagstaff-North Horn Formation. The Flagstaff-North Horn Formation outcrops across much of the northern and central portion of the permit area. This formation consists of an interbedded sequence of sandstone, mudstone, marlstone, and limestone. Most springs and a major portion of the volume of groundwater discharging from the permit and adjacent areas issue from the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation. According to Plates 7-1 and 7-1A and Appendices 7-1 and 7-6, 36 springs issue from the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation within the permit and adjacent areas.

Groundwater discharge rates for springs issuing from the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation are greatly influenced by seasonal variations in precipitation and snowmelt, with most discharge corresponding to the melting of the winter snow pack during the spring months. Discharge is highest following the spring snowmelt and decreases to a trickle by the fall (Appendices 7-1 and 7-6). Many springs issuing from the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation have been noted to dry up each year.

Waddell et al. (1986), found that most of the annual recharge to the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation drains out of the system within about two months, while the remainder of the annual recharge drains out prior to the next snowmelt recharge event.

The groundwater regime in the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation appears to be influenced predominantly by the combined effects of lithology and topographic expression. Because the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation forms the upland plateau of the permit and adjacent areas, this formation is capable of receiving appreciable groundwater recharge from precipitation and snowmelt.

Waddell et al. (1986) concluded that the Flagstaff-North Horn groundwater system is perched. They indicate that approximately 9 percent of the average annual precipitation recharges the Flagstaff-North Horn groundwater system and that recharge water entering the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation moves downward until it encounters low permeability shale or claystone layers in the lower portion of the formation, where almost all of the water is forced to flow horizontally to springs.

Data presented in Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 indicate that groundwater issuing from the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation has a TDS concentration range of 400 to 700 mg/l. This water tends to be slightly alkaline and, similar to conditions encountered in the overlying Colton Formation, is of the calcium-magnesium-bicarbonate type.

The data presented in Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 indicate that the total iron concentration of groundwater discharging from springs in the Flagstaff-North Horn Formation is generally less than 0.04 to 0.15 mg/l. Total manganese concentrations in Flagstaff-North Horn groundwater are generally less than 0.03 mg/l. These data do not exhibit seasonal trends.

Price River Formation. The Price River Formation consists of interbedded mudstone and siltstone with some fine-grained sandstone and carbonaceous mudstone. Within the permit area, 17 springs have been found issuing from the Price River Formation as indicated based on data presented in Plates 7-1 and 7-1A and Appendices 7-1 and 7-6. Flows from these springs are limited in quantity and generally show a seasonal decrease with time, being high in the spring and reduce to very low or dry conditions in the summer. Such fluctuations indicate that these springs originate from limited recharge areas. Therefore, these springs are also part of a series of perched saturated zones and not part a regional aquifer system. Transmissivity in

the Price River Formation is estimated by Waddell (1986) to be 0.07 ft^2/day or 0.00013 ft/day. Based on specific conductance measurements collected from these springs, the TDS concentration of water issuing from the Price River Formation varies from about 750 to 850 mg/l. The water is slightly alkaline, with a pH of 7.9 to 8.9.

Lower Zone

Castlegate Sandstone. The Castlegate Sandstone consists of a fine- to medium-grained sandstone that is cemented with clay and calcium carbonate. The outcrops of this sandstone form prominent cliffs in the area. No springs were identified in this formation, suggesting that it is not a significant aquifer. The absence of springs is of great significance, since this formation is situated between the overlying Upper groundwater zone (in the Colton, Flagstaff/North Horn, and Price River Formations) and the underlying lower zone (in the Blackhawk Formation). This lack of springs indicates that there is separation between the upper and lower groundwater zones. Most likely this zone is the result of two factors: 1) clay horizons in overlying formations inhibit vertical recharge from groundwaters in the Flagstaff-North Horn Formations, and 2) the exposed recharge area of the Castlegate Sandstone is limited primarily to areas of steep cliff faces.

Blackhawk Formation. The Blackhawk Formation underlies the Castlegate Sandstone and consists of interbedded sandstone, siltstone, shale, and coal. The lower Sunnyside coal seam, to be mined by UtahAmerican, is located in the upper portion of the Blackhawk Formation.

Across the formation some of the individual sandstone bodies are discontinuous. This results in areas that are saturated; i.e. sandstone lenses; and areas that are dry; i.e. siltstone and shale sections. This discontinuous nature results in the typical pattern found in the mines of the Wasatch Plateau and the Book Cliffs. As mining advances an isolated area of saturation (perched aquifer) is encountered by the entry or by roof bolting or fractures due to subsidence. As the water from the saturated zone drains into the mine it starts at an initially high rate and over time as the limited extent of the zone is emptied, the rate of flow decreases. Some zones which are laterally connected are able to reach a consistent inflow which is a balance for the recharge to the system with the outflow to the mine entry.

The hydraulic conductivity of the lower zone is believed to be about 0.01 to 0.02 ft/day, similar to values reported by Lines (1985) from the Wasatch Plateau for similar lithologies. Structural dip in the Lila Canyon area is about

6 to 7 degrees to the east. The gradient of the lower zone in the Horse Canyon/Lila Canyon area is probably less than 2 degrees.

The IPA water level piezometers (Plate 7-1) were completed within the first formation with identifiable water below the coal seam, the Sunnyside Sandstone of the Blackhawk Formation. In all three piezometers, immediately below the coal seam, a mudstone layer was encountered. Above the mudstone layer no significant water had been identified. Below the mudstone layer, a sharp transition to a sandstone layer was encountered. This sandstone layer was identified as the Sunnyside Sandstone. Water was identified as occurring from the sandstone layer in each of the piezometers. According to the EarthFax completion logs, the screened zones in the piezometers were located within the Sunnyside Sandstone layer and a cement-bentonite seal was placed from the top of the sandstone layer to the ground surface of the piezometer. Thus, the water level measured in the piezometers is indicative of the conditions found within the sandstone layer.

Data collected from the piezometers (Appendix 7-1) indicate that the water in the sandstone is under pressure. In IPA 1, the water level is approximately 590 feet above the completion zone. In IPA 2, the water level is about 810 feet above the screened level. While, IPA 3 has a water level approximately 250 feet above the completion level.

Additionally, water levels in IPA 2 and 3 varied by approximately 2 feet during the period of July 1994 through April 1996, but showed no consistent trend. IPA 1 showed a rise of 5.6 feet over the same period. Measurements collected in 2001 indicated that the water levels in IPA 2 and 3 were 1 to 2 feet higher than the last time it was measured nearly 5 years earlier, while IPA 1 showed a rise of 16 feet. For the period since 2001, no trend has been identified for IPA 2 and 3, while IPA 1 has continued a slow increase. Although an increase in water levels has occurred during the period of record, this increase is not considered significant.

As the piezometers are completed in the same saturated zone, the piezometric surface shows that groundwater in the Sunnyside Sandstone to be moving to the northeast, into the Book Cliffs (see Plate 7-1). The gradient of the piezometric surface is approximately 0.011 ft/ft. The seasonal fluctuations between fall and spring are almost undistinguishable. Based on the tabulated data (Appendix 7-1), the fluctuation range is less than 0.5 feet between summer and fall readings. Figures 7-1 and 7-2

attempt to show these variations in contour map and piezometer hydrographs.

The water level piezometers show water levels above the lower zone containing the coal seam in area of the mine. However, as reported in the Castlegate Sandstone section, no springs or water bearing zones were identified in the spring and seep inventories or in the drilling of the water level piezometers in the formation. Therefore, indicating that the piezometer monitored zones are under pressure and that the water identified in the upper zone is perched and isolated from the lower groundwater zone.

While the water in the Sunnyside Sandstone is under pressure, there was no indication during drilling that the coal seam was saturated. Similar conditions have been identified in other mines in the Wasatch Plateau and the Book Cliffs. It is likely that the water within the Sunnyside Sandstone will not affect mining unless the confining mudstone layer is breached.

It is possible that mining will intercept some water as it progresses down dip. However, as discussed previously regarding mine water inflows to the Horse Canyon Mine, it is expected that water quantities and quality will be similar to that encountered in the Horse Canyon Mine. While some pumping is likely for water from the isolated saturated zones within the lower groundwater zone; since the water in the upper groundwater zone appears to be perched aquifers 200 to 500 feet above the coal seams, no adverse effects on usable surface sources are expected.

No springs have been identified as issuing from the Blackhawk Formation (see Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 and Plates 7-1 and 7-1A).

The quality of groundwater in the Blackhawk Formation is characterized by the water quality of data collected from inflows to the Horse Canyon Mine. These data indicate that Blackhawk Formation groundwater has a mean TDS concentration range of 1400 to 2400 mg/l and is of the calcium, sodium-sulfate type. These waters are chemically distinct from groundwater in overlying groundwater systems.

Quality and quantity of underground water is the most difficult to ascertain due to geologic variables such as faults, fractures, channel sands and isolation of these particular features when water is encountered in order to gain reliable samples. Underground water tends to be co-mingled with water from other places in the mine and water pumped through the mines for mine equipment and dust suppression. Thus, care needs to be taken to obtain representative samples. Specific undisturbed water samples of the subsurface inflows are not known to have been collected. However, the

quality results reported in the Horse Canyon records are consistent with in-mine samples from adjacent mines.

The dissolved iron concentration of groundwater flowing into the Horse Canyon Mine has historically been less than 0.5 mg/l and is generally less than 0.1 mg/l (see Appendices 7-1 and 7-6). The total iron concentration of this water has historically been less than 0.7 mg/l and generally less than 0.1 mg/l. The total manganese concentration of Blackhawk Formation water (as measured in the Horse Canyon Mine) has historically been less than 0.05 mg/l and is typically less than 0.03 mg/l (see Appendices 7-1 and 7-6).

Mancos Shale. The Mancos Shale is exposed south and west of the permit area. This formation is a relatively impermeable marine shale and is not considered to be a regional or local aquifer. Groundwater samples collected from two monitoring sites located in Stinky Spring Canyon approximately 2 miles southeast of Lila Canyon Mine have a TDS concentration in the range of 2200 to 4200 mg/l and are of the sodium-sulfate-chloride type (Appendix 7-1). The flow rate for these two springs is less than 1 gpm, indicating the impermeable nature of the source formation. In the 1981 baseline study for the Kaiser Steel south lease permit document, Kaiser indicated that no springs were identified below the coal seam along the face of the Book Cliffs. Therefore, at that time, these springs were not flowing. Total iron concentrations ranged from 0.35 to 11.8 mg/l. Total manganese concentrations ranged from 0.05 to 0.29 mg/l. Chemical compositions of other parameters are consistent with waters from the Mancos Shale in the Book Cliffs area. The change in water type, from sodium-bicarbonate in the overlying Blackhawk Formation to sodium-sulfate-chloride in the Mancos, and the increased iron and manganese concentrations indicate that the Big and Little Stink spring waters are not from the same source, but are isolated waters from different recharge sources.

The two springs, which are located stratigraphically near the top of the Mancos Shale, appear to be fault related. As shown on Plate 7-1a, there is an east-west trending fault zone that is located within the canyon where Big and Little Stink Springs are located, referred to as the Central Graben. These two springs are located on the southern side of the northern fault of the graben. Due to the isolated nature of this graben block, being down dropped relative to the surrounding strata, within the highly impermeable Mancos Shale, it is unlikely that these springs are connected to any other water sources within the permit area. Further, the water quality and flow of the these springs, as discussed above, also indicate an isolated nature of the waters. Based on these results, the waters from Big and Little Stinky Springs are considered are from a localized, isolated saturated zone, but not part of a regional aquifer or an extensive saturated zone.

Recharge and Discharge Relations

Recharge in the permit and adjacent areas occurs from precipitation to the exposed strata. Plate 7-1a shows the major zone of recharge. This recharge area corresponds to the outcrop of the Colton/Flagstaff-North Horn formations. No perennial surface water streams or surface water bodies exist within the permit or adjacent areas which contribute water to the groundwater systems. Any infiltration is a near surface occurrence into the alluvial fills within the drainages. The deeper sediments underlying the drainages (Blackhawk and Mancos) consist of low transmissivity strata which would prohibit the vertical movement of groundwater.

Recharge rates were calculated by Waddell and others (1986, p. 43) for an area in the Book Cliffs. Waddell estimated recharge at about 9 percent of annual precipitation. Lines and others (1984) indicate the mean annual precipitation along the Book Cliffs in the area of the Horse Canyon Mines is about 12 inches, indicating a recharge rate of just over 1 inch per year.

The recharge and discharge areas for local perched aquifers in the upper zone (Colton, Flagstaff-North Horn and Price River Formations) generally lie within the drainage areas of Horse and Lila Canyons. These local systems are complex and highly dependent on topography. Recharge water from precipitation or snow melt enters the Colton or Flagstaff-North Horn Formations and moves downward until it encounters low permeability shale or claystone layers in the formations, where almost all of the water is forced to flow horizontally to springs. The springs exhibits substantial variability in discharge in response both to spring snowmelt events and to drought and wet years. Discharge rates as great as 20 gpm have been recorded from the springs during the high-flow season, and discharge rates as low as 1 gpm are not uncommon during late summer. The effects of the drought occurring in the late 1980s and early 1990s are clearly evident in the flow records.

Recharge to the lower zone including the Castlegate Sandstone, Blackhawk Formation, and Mancos Shale is of limited magnitude, due to the limited area of exposure of the formation on steep outcrops and the presence of low-permeability units in overlying North Horn and Price River Formations. Additionally, the clay layers in the upper Blackhawk, which contain approximately 80 percent clays, siltstones, mudstones, and shales, are all highly restrictive to vertical groundwater movement (Fisher and others, 1960). Further, no surface water bodies are present to act a supply sources to the deep ground water system.

Recharge to the lower zone probably occurs primarily from vertical movement of water through the overlying formations and is probably greatest

where surface fractures intersect the topographic highs where the upper zone formations outcrop. The rate of recharge to the lower zone is very slow. The lack of a significant recharge source results in limited discharge areas. The largest portion of recharge to the lower zone is in the Castlegate Sandstone and upper member of the Blackhawk Formation with some leakage from the upper zone where the greatest number of springs are identified.

The Sunnyside fault zone is the major feature throughout much of the Sunnysdie Mining District. Having a north-northwest strike, the fault zone extends from West Ridge to the Horse Canyon Mine. South of the Horse Canyon Mine the faults are not mapped at the surface. South of Horse Canyon, the faults are believed to be east of the Lila Canyon extension.

At the south end of the Lila Canyon Extension, a series of east-west trending faults have been mapped. These faults form the structure known as the Central Graben. The graben is a down dropped block relative to the adjacent strata.

Faults may effect flow, direction and magnitude of both lateral and vertical flows. However, the area is abundant with plastic or swelling clays that can seal faults and fractures inhibiting both lateral and vertical flows. As discussed in the mine inflow section, significant groundwater was only encountered in the Horse Canyon Mine as mining approached the Sunnyside fault zone. To prevent such inflows at the Lila Canyon extension, the mining plan attempts to avoid the fault zone. Also, exploratory mining by U.S. Steel, during the period 1952 to 1960, encountered the east-west trending Entry fault in the proposed Lila Canyon area. After extensive exploration, no significant water was encountered from the east-west trending fault.

Assuming mass-balance and stable hydrologic conditions, recharge will equal discharge over the long term. The relatively rapid groundwater discharge from the upper zone formations as compared with the underlying lower zone formations suggest that the stratigraphically-higher water discharges are local and are not hydraulically connected with the lower zone. Waddell et al. (1986) conclude that the perched nature of the upper zone formations protect them from the influence of dewatering of the coal-bearing zone unless the upper zone is influenced by subsidence.

Groundwater resources in the permit area are limited due to the small surface area and low recharge rates. There is not enough base flow from

groundwater discharge to maintain a perennial flow in Horse Canyon Creek or Lila Canyon.

The upper groundwater zone produces low volume spring flows from up-dip exposures of bedrock and overlying alluvium. Some spring discharges from this zone have been developed and are used for livestock and wildlife. The lower groundwater zone has very limited discharges that are used for wildlife, generally during the early spring. Based on the location of these lower zone points and the vertical separation (500 feet) between the coal seam and the points, there is no possibility of mining impacting the springs.

724.200 Regional Surface Water Resources. The permit area exists entirely within the Horse Canyon, Lila Canyon, and Little Park Wash watersheds. The regional drainage patterns are generally north-south with steep canyons which are incised in the Book Cliffs escarpment. Stream flows within the region, generally, are the result of snowmelt runoff or summer thunderstorms. Water is not abundant as evapotranspiration exceeds precipitation.

Permit Area Surface Water Resources

Within the permit area, the surface water resources consist of three main drainages: Horse Canyon Creek, Little Park Wash, and Lila Canyon. Horse Canyon flows to Icelander Wash which, in turn, flows to Grassy Trail Creek and the Price River. Little Park Wash flows southward to Trail Canyon and the Price River. Lila Canyon flows southwest to Grassy Wash, then south to the Marsh Flat Wash and the Price River (see Plate 7-1).

Surface water sampling data are available in Appendix 7-2 and in the DOGM electronic database. The data were obtained from multiple sources, including (but not limited to) on-site sampling efforts, the Horse Canyon Mine P.A.P. filed by Geneva Steel and annual reports, U.S. Geological Survey publications, and various consultant reports. Since not all monitoring parties were required to adhere to UDOGM or SMCRA rules, the laboratory parameters varied between reports. However, the data are still considered valid and appropriate for determining baseline conditions within the permit and adjacent areas. The location of the sampling points are presented on Plates 7-1 and 7-1A.

Based on field observations (described in Appendix 7-7) and flow data obtained during the collection of water-quality samples within the permit and adjacent areas, Horse Canyon Creek is considered intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow within the permit area. Lila Canyon and Little Park Wash,

based on the size of the drainage area (greater than 1 sq. mi.), are defined by regulation as intermittent but have been shown to be intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow (see Appendix 7-7). Several smaller tributaries of these streams within the permit and adjacent areas are ephemeral by flow pattern and by rule.

Horse Canyon, Little Park and Lila Canyon flow during the spring snowmelt runoff period and also as a result of isolated summer thunderstorms. Due to the limited drainage area and elevation of Lila Canyon, the duration of the snowmelt flows is quite short and is limited to the very early spring. Flows in Horse Canyon, generally, are limited to the early spring period (Lines and Plantz, 1981). By mid to late spring, usually no flow is evident in Horse Canyon Creek, below the minesite or Lila Canyon.

Over the period of record, 1981 through present, there have been both wet and dry periods. From 1983 through 1984, the area had high precipitation. In the late 1990's through the present, a drought has been evident in the area. Over this period of record, the flows in the streams have increased and decreased based on the available water. Also, during both of these periods, flows in Horse Canyon Creek during the summer and fall are generally not evident below the mine site. Only flows from summer thunderstorms upstream of the site have resulted in flows below the mine. This indicates that while surface water resources may fluctuate, the fluctuations are not great enough to change the response of the stream to overcome the hydraulic and geologic characteristics of the area.

During most years, the snowmelt peak is the highest peak flow for the drainages. Under certain circumstances, when a significant summer thunderstorm occurs over the drainages, the runoff event can be quite large.

There are no indications that any of the reaches of Lila Canyon or Little Park Wash are perennial. Since the spring of 2000, both areas have been observed numerous times (at least quarterly) and no flow has even been noted in either drainage. Normally, this would indicate an ephemeral drainage, however, since the drainage areas are greater than one square mile and exhibit no consistent flows, they are classified by regulation as intermittent.

The ephemeral nature of the streams make it difficult to document the high and low flow periods. Generally, the flow pattern for the drainages consists of dry channels until a thunderstorm or rapid snowmelt occurs. Then there is a short duration of flow within a portion of the channel. Following the

passing of the storm or melting of the snow the runoff quickly decreases and the channel is again dry until the next event.

A number of perched springs do exist in the tributaries of the Little Park Wash drainage; however, the flows from the springs dry-up or infiltrate into the alluvial fill of the canyons within 50 to 200 feet of the source, before reaching the main drainage channel. The springs and seeps in the area have been sampled, as indicated in this application, as part of the baseline and spring/seep inventories. Therefore, they provide an estimate of the quality of the flow within the dranages.

Precipitation in the area generally consists of either high-intensity, localized thunderstorms or area wide, frontal storms. Table 7-1A presents rainfall-runoff model simulation results of both the 6-hour and 24-hour rainfall events of the drainages in the site area, to simulate each kind of storm. Appendix 7-10 present the simulation calculation results. These peak flow results show that for short duration events with small return periods (5 years or less), there is little or no runoff from the watersheds. Additionally, due to the localized character of the thunderstorms, the storms affect only a part of the watershed and the limited runoff that does occur is lost to channel losses (infiltration, evaporation, transpiration) within the portion of the watershed that is not affected by the rainfall event. As the return period of the storm increases, storms have greater intensity and tend to cover larger areas, which likely affects most if not all of the watershed. Therefore, flows tend to increase. Intense rainfall may cause heavy flooding, but likely only affect small areas and do not result in large volumes of runoff.

For the long duration, frontal type storms, the entire watershed is covered for each event. The frontal precipitation events tend to produce only limited amounts of flow in the local ephemeral washes for the short return periods. With the increase in the return period, the flow events tend to be larger. This is due to the contribution from the entire watershed.

Each flow event in an ephemeral channel is separate and distinct. The stream flow is directly proportional to the amount of precipitation or snow-melt runoff, and the water quality varies greatly depending on the amount of flow. The duration of these runoff events is generally short. For thunderstorm events, the flow is generally less than a few hours. Duration of runoff from the frontal runoff events is moderate in length, generally on the order of 11 to 14 hours. Based on the end of rainfall from the watershed model simulations, the runoff would generally end within 3 to 5 hours.

Therefore, if a sampler were not on-site during the event, it is unlikely that any flow would be observed.

There are no specified water uses for the stream flows. No water rights exist on the surface streams, due to the overall general lack of flow for these drainages.

Table 7-1A

PEAK FLOW SIMULATIONS OF UNDISTURBED DRAINAGES
IN THE LILA CANYON MINE AREA

Watershed ID	Duration (hr)	Return Period Flows (cfs)					
		2yr	5yr	10yr	25yr	50yr	100yr
WS1.1	6 hr	0	0	1.39	5.54	9.98	17.18
	24 hr	0.65	3.22	9.31	22.68	39.50	59.77
WS1.2	6 hr	0	0	1.21	6.43	12.77	22.18
	24 hr	0.86	3.82	9.45	20.66	33.99	49.70
WS1 Total	6 hr	0	0	2.37	11.78	22.68	38.79
	24 hr	1.50	6.62	16.96	39.59	67.46	100.70
WS2.1	6 hr	0	0	0	1.84	4.30	7.79
	24 hr	0.17	0.81	2.54	7.96	14.23	24.90
WS2.2	6 hr	0	0	0	1.43	4.14	8.55
	24 hr	0.18	0.91	2.52	6.47	10.70	17.34
WS2 Total	6 hr	0	0	0	2.98	8.20	16.27
	24 hr	0.32	1.67	4.62	12.41	21.56	36.83
WS7.1	6 hr	0	0	2.23	10.43	19.63	33.75
	24 hr	1.29	6.04	15.85	36.15	60.94	90.24
WS8.1	6 hr	0	0	0.85	3.60	6.59	11.34
	24 hr	0.43	2.09	5.76	13.64	23.46	35.09
WS9.1	6 hr	0	0	3.46	16.17	30.46	52.36
	24 hr	2.01	9.38	24.59	56.08	94.53	139.99

Table 7-1A

PEAK FLOW SIMULATIONS OF UNDISTURBED DRAINAGES
IN THE LILA CANYON MINE AREA

Watershed ID	Duration (hr)	Return Period Flows (cfs)					
		2yr	5yr	10yr	25yr	50yr	100yr
Little Park 6.1	6 hr	0	0	1.63	6.48	11.66	20.08
	24 hr	0.76	3.76	10.88	26.5	46.16	69.84
Little Park 6.2	6 hr	0	0	0.93	3.70	6.66	11.47
	24 hr	0.44	2.15	6.21	15.14	26.36	39.89
Little Park 6	6 hr	0	0	2.56	10.18	18.33	31.54
	24 hr	1.20	5.91	17.09	41.63	72.52	109.74
Little Park 6.3	6 hr	0	0	0.32	1.21	2.15	3.70
	24 hr	0.14	0.70	2.17	5.47	9.75	14.92
Little Park 5.1	6 hr	0	0	0.31	1.00	1.73	2.93
	24 hr	0.11	0.59	2.41	7.85	15.16	23.59
Little Park 5.2	6 hr	0	0	0.73	2.75	4.87	8.38
	24 hr	0.32	1.59	4.92	12.40	22.10	33.82
Little Park 5	6 hr	0	0	2.82	11.34	20.41	35.22
	24 hr	1.77	8.54	24.80	61.16	107.32	163.42
Little Park 4.1	6 hr	0	0	0.75	2.58	4.47	7.65
	24 hr	0.29	1.49	5.31	14.72	28.04	43.72
Little Park 4.2	6 hr	0	0	0.76	3.01	5.42	9.33
	24 hr	0.36	1.75	5.06	12.32	21.46	32.47
Little Park 6.4	6 hr	0	0	0.23	0.86	1.53	2.64
	24 hr	0.10	0.50	1.55	3.90	6.95	10.64

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PEAK FLOW SIMULATIONS OF UNDISTURBED DRAINAGES
IN THE LILA CANYON MINE AREA

Watershed ID	Duration (hr)	Return Period Flows (cfs)					
		2yr	5yr	10yr	25yr	50yr	100yr
Little Park 6.5	6 hr	0	0	0.90	3.58	6.45	11.10
	24 hr	0.42	2.08	6.02	14.66	25.53	38.63
Little Park 4	6 hr	0	0	6.17	24.81	44.74	77.12
	24 hr	2.93	14.01	40.73	101.08	178.91	269.04
Little Park 6.6	6 hr	0	0	0.87	4.44	8.64	14.92
	24 hr	0.58	2.60	6.58	14.58	24.18	35.52
Little Park 3.1	6 hr	0	0	2.35	8.86	15.72	27.03
	24 hr	1.03	5.13	15.87	40.00	71.27	109.07
Little Park 3.2	6 hr	0	0	1.00	4.65	8.76	15.07
	24 hr	0.58	2.70	7.08	16.14	27.20	40.29
Little Park 3	6 hr	0	0	9.73	42.29	77.65	133.01
	24 hr	5.08	23.46	65.66	162.22	284.24	430.10
Little Park 6.7	6 hr	0	0	1.12	6.47	14.50	26.85
	24 hr	1.14	4.69	10.58	21.76	34.48	49.42
Little Park	6 hr	0	0	10.48	47.97	90.92	152.74
	24 hr	6.19	26.34	70.46	170.78	298.11	448.73

Surface waters in this part of the Book Cliffs drain to the Price River. The Price River flows to the Green River which, in turn, flows to the Colorado River. It is anticipated that only during extremely long duration, high-intensity thunderstorms that flow from the ephemeral drainages within the permit area would reach the Price River. Due to the length of channel and the limited volume of runoff, the majority of flow is lost to channel losses, as indicated in Appendix 7-9.

Lines and Plantz (1981, p. 33) conducted three seepage surveys of Horse Canyon Creek in 1978 and 1979. The results of the surveys show no consistent trends through time. Mine discharges created difficulties in interpretation of the data because there was no indication of whether the mine was or was not discharging water at the time of the surveys. However, Horse Canyon Creek below the mine is believed to be a losing stream, due to the visual observation of low flows decreasing downstream of the mine (professional observations, Thomas Suchoski, 1979-1980 & 1984-86). Flow in the channel adjacent to the mine facility entry portal on several occasions during mine inspections during the spring period were approximately 4 to 6 inches deep, with a flow width of 15 to 20 feet. Downstream of the mine in the area of the roadside refuse pile, the flow would be 2 to 3 inches deep with a flow width of 10 to 12 feet. Channel slopes in both areas were similar. No diversions are present along this reach of the channel to reduce the flow. Therefore, the channel flow decrease is the result of infiltration and evaporation of the water within the channel.

The Lila Canyon drainage is normally dry, flowing only in response to precipitation runoff or rapid snowmelt. The mine facilities will be located in the Right Fork of Lila Canyon.

In January 2004, an assessment of the geomorphic character of the Lila Canyon channel, downstream of the proposed mine site, was conducted to address DOGM comments. A series of channel cross-section measurements were taken and the bed and bank materials visually observed. During this evaluation, it was discovered that a diversion structure had been installed just above the confluence of the Right Fork of Lila Canyon and Grassy Wash (see Appendix 7-9 and Figure 7-3). This diversion structure will divert all flow from the drainage and convey it by diversion channel to a stock pond located in the SW/4, SW/4 of Section 28, T. 16 S., R. 14 E. Subsequently, it was determined that the improvements were part of a BLM range improvement project. This structure has significantly modified the drainage pattern for this area. Flows that previously would have flowed into Grassy Wash will now be detained in the stock pond.

The closest perennial stream to the permit area is Range Creek. The drainage is located approximately 6 miles east of the proposed Lila Canyon permit area boundary (see Plate 7-1a).

Range Creek is in a broad, south-southeast oriented drainage that has been eroded into the Roan Cliffs. A western extension of the Roan Cliffs (Patmos Ridge) lies between Range Creek and the Book Cliffs. The proposed Lila Canyon operation is on the west side of Patmos Ridge. The Colton Formation is exposed at the surface from Patmos Ridge east to the main body of the Roan Cliffs, and between these two escarpments Range Creek has eroded into but not through the Colton Formation. Approximately eleven miles southeast of the permit area, just upstream of Turtle Canyon, Range Creek has eroded through the Colton, Flagstaff, and North Horn Formations, but it reaches the Green River without having eroded through the Upper Price River Formation. The nearest Blackhawk outcrop is 10 miles further south, along the Price River.

Argument has been made that Range Creek receives recharge from a regional aquifer which is likely from the lower saturated zone that the Lila Canyon Mine will be mining or that the overlying perched upper zone might be drained by the mining activities and affect the flows contributing and in Range Creek.

To address these concerns, the following issues were evaluated. An evaluation of the elevation difference between the saturated ground-water zone in the Blackhawk Formation and stream flows in the Range Creek drainage was conducted, especially for the reaches nearest the permit area. Also, the thickness and composition of the strata between the coal seam and the creek was conducted. Further, the potential for diminishment of the spring and tributary flows resulting from subsidence impacts within the recharge area to Range Creek was evaluated.

If the deeper ground water in the Blackhawk Formation were to flow following either the gradient indicated by the piezometers (see Figure 7-1) or geologic dip (see Plate 7-1B), the water would flow well below Range Creek (800 to 1,200 feet) in the reaches nearest the Lila Canyon Mine and for many miles downstream.

Additionally, the thick section of strata between Range Creek and the Blackhawk Formation would impede hydraulic interaction between any deep ground water and the surface (Plates 7-1A and 7-1B). It is estimated that the vertical separation between the Blackhawk and Range Creek at the base of the Colton would be about 1,200 feet.

A review of U.S. Geological Professional Paper by D.J. Fisher, C.E. Reeside and J.B. Erdman, 1960, **Cretaceous and Tertiary Formation of the Book Cliffs, Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah,** which evaluates the composite stratigraphy in the Horse Canyon area, was conducted. The lithology descriptions were reviewed and a total of the percentage of shale, siltstone and mudstone (less permeable layers), for each strata identified by the authors, was generated to get an idea of the ability of each strata to restrict flow throughout the stratigraphic column.

Colton Formation		
Upper Sandstone Unit	1,300 ft.	
% Shale		23.1
Shale Unit	960 ft.	
% Mudstone	82.9	
Lower Sandstone Unit	1,128 ft.	
% Shale and Mudstone		34.8
North Horn–Flagstaff, Undifferentiated		
Shale beds	237 ft.	
Mudstone	181 ft.	
Limestone	21 ft.	
Siltstone	25 ft.	
Clay	7 ft.	
Sandstone beds	99 ft.	
%Shale, Clay, Siltstone, and Mudstone		79.0
Price River Formation		
Upper Unit	299 ft.	
% Shale		43.8
Lower Unit	234 ft.	
% Shale and Siltstone		43.8
Castlegate Sandstone	160 ft.	
% Shales, Clays, Siltstones or Mudstones		0
Blackhawk Formation		
Upper Shale Unit	170 ft.	
Middle Sandstone Unit	0 ft.	
Middle Shale Unit	102 ft.	
Lower Sandstone Unit	200 ft.	
% Shale		52.5

Based on the stratigraphic column in the area, the overall percentage of less permeable strata is 47 percent. Looking at the distribution of the less permeable strata, the majority is in the upper lithographic units. The Colton and North Horn-Flagstaff contain about 1940 feet of less permeable units, while the Price River and Blackhawk contain about 480 feet. Therefore, there is little potential for water to move vertically between the upper and lower zones. The main direction of water movement will be horizontally within the strata.

Further, the elevation of Range Creek in the area of concern ranges from 6890 to 5740 feet (see Plate 7-1A). The coal seam exposure along the Book Cliffs ranges from 5,500 to 6,000 feet. Therefore, for water to flow from the coal seam to Range Creek the flow would need to overcome a hydraulic head difference of 200 plus feet, just based on the initial elevation and not accounting for dip of the formations. There is insufficient head and no source of water to provide the driving head for such conditions.

In regard to subsidence affecting the potential recharge to the springs and tributaries to Range Creek, as described in Chapter 5, Section 525, the subsidence limits from the proposed mining are required to be limited to the area of the permit boundary. Therefore, the recharge area to Range Creek that could be affected is within the permit boundary.

In reviewing the permit area, as shown on Plate 7-1A, Little Park drainage has eroded through the Colton, North Horn-Flagstaff and part of the Price River formations. While Range Creek, in the reaches nearest to the proposed mine, has not eroded through the Colton Formation and the high percentage of low permeable strata within the Lower Colton and North Horn-Flagstaff formations limited potential for recharge to the springs and tributaries from areas below the bottom of the Colton Formation. The potential impact area from the mine is that portion of the permit area that is east of the Horse Canyon and Little Park drainages and that portion which is above the Colton - North Horn-Flagstaff contact.

Based on a review of Plate 7-1A, the portion of the permit boundary that meets these criteria is approximately 510 acres. Based on a projection of the direction of dip (N68°E), the area of the Range Creek drainage that might be affected would be from just north of Little Horse Canyon south to Cherry Meadow Canyon. This projection represents the area with recharge potential along the west side of the Range Creek drainage. Thus, the total recharge area to this portion of the drainage would be approximately 21,100 acres. Therefore, the percentage of the recharge area that might be intercepted by catastrophic

subsidence is 2.4 percent. As catastrophic subsidence is unlikely due to the cover over the coal seam for most of this area (2,000ft +), this percentage is conservatively high. Such a small percentage would not be measurable within the Range Creek drainage.

If such an occurrence were to happen, based on the hydraulic conductivity (0.1gpd/ft^2)and porosity (0.25) of the formation and the anticipated gradient (0.1ft/ft), the average linear velocity of flow through the formation would be about 0.006ft/day. This results in an estimated duration, for the reduced recharge to move laterally through the Colton Formation and reach the Range Creek drainage, to be about 8,700 to 11,300 years.

As a result of the five to six miles horizontal distance from proposed permit area to Range Creek (see Plate 7-1a) and the isolating effects of the over 1,000 feet of low-permeability, isolating strata between the coal seam and the creek elevation (see Plate 7-1B and Table above) and the limited potential and impact of subsidence damage to the recharge area, it is not likely that the Lila Canyon Mine will adversely effect Range Creek. Due to these conditions, no baseline or other sampling has been gathered nor is anticipated on Range Creek.

The Horse Canyon drainage is monitored in accordance with the approved monitoring plan for the permit. There have been no samples taken in the Lila Canyon or Little Park Wash drainages because no flow has been observed during the monitoring activities. Factors that contribute to the lack of data are: accessibility to the sites during the winter period and immediately after summer rain storm events is generally not possible, due to safety issues and a physical lack of flow.

Access and Safety. Safety issues have hampered field work on several projects in the area. When the soils in the area get wet they become very slick and pose access and safety issues. During the IPA drilling, EarthFax had significant difficulty in getting equipment and vehicles up and down the access road following several small rain storms. In one case they had one of their vehicles slide into the embankment rocks along the Horse Canyon access road (drop in the area was about 400 feet).

Access during rainstorms through the channels in the area is dangerous. During the avian study for the Westridge mine, Mel Coonrod (EIS) and Frank Howe (DWR) were caught in a channel during a rainstorm and lost their vehicle to flooding.

During winter and early spring periods, there have been times when the access road has been blocked with several feet of snow making access with the field equipment impossible.

UAE's position is that collection of environmental data is not worth of the loss of life or limb. Therefore, when the conditions are unsafe, the site is labeled inaccessible. At all other times, the sites are visited and if no flow is encountered it is reported as such.

Physical Lack of Flow. The lack of flow data in the sampling effort is not a failure of the sampling effort. The lack of flow at these sample sites is data which documents the normal conditions in the site area. If the streams were flowing 50 percent of the time, it is likely that the sampling efforts would encounter flow on an infrequent basis. However, if the flow for the short return periods is extremely small or none existence, it will be difficult to obtain and provide samples of these events. This lack of flow shows that the drainages do not have a base flow component and there is no regional aquifer discharging to the deeply incised canyons and drainages in the area. The sequence of sampling efforts have demonstrated further, that there is no long-term flow events occurring in the mine permit area or adjacent areas. Also, spring photographs show disturbances in the stream channels from the previous falls sampling efforts indicating that for some years no flow occurred from the fall to spring measurement events. Additionally, the peak flow simulation results show that the duration of any flow events would be of extremely limited duration.

Therefore, a pattern has been identified of a set of drainages that only flow in direct response to precipitation or rapid snow melt. The flow events are localized, sporadic events with no consistent sequence and timing and are extremely limited in duration.

U.S. Steel conducted water quality monitoring of the Horse Canyon drainage. These monitoring efforts were conducted prior to the development of DOGM's present Water Monitoring Guidelines, and as a result the data is quite limited. The most recent results of these water monitoring efforts are presented in Appendix 7-2 and historic results are included in the DOGM electronic database.

The data collected from Horse Canyon follows the same pattern documented by Waddell, et.al. (1986). The pattern shows that the TDS concentrations for surface waters on the lower Blackhawk and out onto the Mancos Shale range from 1000 mg/l and increase to 2,000 to 2,500 mg/l. Additionally, the highest concentrations of suspended sediment will occur during high-intensity runoff

from thunderstorms, and the lowest concentrations will occur during low flow or snow melt events.

Therefore, because of the similarity of the water quality data, the water quality expected from the drainages in the area of the proposed mine will be similar to the water quality found in the Horse Canyon drainage.

Monitoring efforts did not include remote or automatic sampling efforts because of inherent problems attempting to implement these methods for this application. It has been suggested that crest-staff gauges, single-stage samplers, ISCO instruments, etc. could be used to collect samples. These are methods that the USGS uses for developed remote sampling sites. However, none of the UEI sampling sites are developed. In the case of crest gauges, for these methods to be feasible, the sites need to be developed with concrete or bedrock lined channel sections. For the channel configurations at the UEI sites, the channel bottoms consist of movable beds. These are channels that change configuration from storm to storm. As a result of channel erosion and deposition, the stage discharge relationship of the channel changes with each storm event. Therefore, while the crest gauge would indicate that a flow event may have occurred, the ability to determine what the flow rate was is greatly compromised. To be able to overcome this, it would be necessary to construct lined channel sections in remote channel areas. In some cases, this would require the construction of access way and cement trucks to haul in the materials necessary. This would likely cause more damage than it is worth.

For the use of single stage and ISCO samplers, with sampling limited to monthly and quarterly readings, the holding time on many water samples would be exceeded. Therefore, the water quality data would not be usable for determining the baseline or impact conditions.

Several samplers were installed as apart of the Westridge Mine sampling efforts. After several abortive attempts at utilizing them for flow and quality measurements, they were removed because the data was unreliable and suspect.

Remote sensing equipment has also been considered. However, as most of the monitoring sensors require line of sight and these sites are in remote, incised canyons or drainages, that is not possible.

As a result of these difficulties, it was determined that these methods would not provide any better data than was already being collected and would not be used.

724.300 Geologic Information Detailed geologic information of the permit and adjacent areas is included in Section 600, with specific strata analyses, as required, in Section 624.

724.310 Probable Hydrologic Consequences. The geologic data indicate that no toxic- or acid-forming materials are known to exist in the coal or rock strata immediately below or above the seam (see Section 624.300). The probable hydrologic consequences of the proposed operation will be discussed in Section 728 and Appendix 7-3 of this application.

724.320 Feasibility of Reclamation. The geologic data in Section 600 provides sufficient detail to allow: the evaluation of whether toxic- or acid-forming materials are expected to be encountered in mining; subsidence impacts; whether surface disturbed areas are designed to be constructed in a manner that will allow for reclamation to approximate original contour; and whether the operation plans have been design to ensure that material damage to the hydrologic balance does not occur outside of the permit area. These issues are evaluated in the R645 rules and discussed in Section 728 of this application.

724.400 Climatological Information

724.410 Climatological Factors

724.411 Precipitation The closest weather recording station to the Lila Canyon Mine is located at Sunnyside, Utah. Based on the relatively close proximity and similar locations (west exposure of the Book Cliffs) the data from this station will be used to verify precipitation amounts and other weather conditions for the Lila Canyon Mine.

Precipitation data from the Sunnyside station has been gathered from 1971 to 2000, showing an average annual precipitation of 14.74 inches. The information was downloaded from the Western Regional Climate Center, as shown on Table 7-1B.

A rain gauge will be installed at the site, once construction and operations start, to comply with the reporting requirements of the air quality permit.

724.412 Winds. The average direction of the prevailing winds is West to East, and the average velocity is 2.74 knots.

724.413 Temperature. Mean temperatures in the proposed mine area range from a high of 58.0 degrees F to a low of 33.4 degrees F. See Table 7-1B.

724.420 Additional Data. Additional data will be supplied if requested by the Division to ensure compliance with the requirements of R645-301 and R645-302.

724.500 Supplemental Information N/A - The determination of the PHC in Section 728 does not indicate that adverse impacts on or off the proposed permit area may occur to the hydrologic balance, or that acid-forming or toxic-forming material is present that may result in the contamination of ground-water or surface-water supplies.

724.700 Valley/Stream N/A - The proposed plan does not include mining or reclamation operations within a valley holding a stream or in a location where the permit area or adjacent area includes a stream which meets the requirements of R645-302-320.

725. Baseline Cumulative Impact Area Information

725.100 Hydrologic and Geologic Information Hydrologic and geologic information for the mine area is provided in Sections 600, 724 and in the PHC Determination in Appendix 7-3. This information includes the available information gathered by the applicant. Additional information is available for the areas adjacent to theproposed mining and adjacent areas from state and federal agencies.

Table 7-1B

Sunnyside, Utah (428474) Period of Record Monthly Climate Summary													
Period of Record: 1971 - 2000													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann.
Average Max. Temp(F)	33.7	38.4	44.1	54.0	63.5	76.2	82.4	80.3	71.3	58.3	42.8	34.9	56.8

Average Min. Temp(F)	13.9	17.5	21.8	30.0	38.3	47.2	53.6	52.2	44.7	34.6	22.8	15.3	32.8
Average Total Precip (in.)	0.80	1.01	1.30	1.22	1.22	0.85	1.46	1.50	1.80	1.67	1.14	0.78	14.74

Unofficial values based on averages/sums of smoothed daily data, Information is computed from available daily data during the 1971-2000 period. Smoothing, missing data and observation-time changes may cause these 1971-2000 values to differ from official NCDC values. This table is presented for use at locations that don't have official NCDC data. No adjustments are made for missing data or time of observation. Check NCDC normals table for official data.

725.200 Other Data Sources As indicated above, additional information is available for the cumulative impact area. In addition to the base line data for the proposed mining, additional pertinent hydrologic data is available from adjacent mines and permits and government reports.

725.300 Available Data Necessary hydrologic and geologic information is assumed to be available to the Division in this P.A.P.

726. Modeling Where ever possible actual surface and ground water information is supplied in this application. However, the following models were used to supplement the data.

Storm 6.2, a program to calculate runoff flows was used to calculate runoff from some disturbed area drainage areas.

Hydroflow Hydrograph program by Intelisolve was used to simulate the runoff and routing from the undisturbed drainages above the proposed mine.

A simulation of transmission losses to determine potential impacts from mine water discharge to the Price River and fishery was completed using a spreadsheet based on the NRCS channel loss evaluation.

727. Alternate Water Source Information A search was conducted of the State of Utah Water Rights files for all rights occurring within, and adjacent to, the permit area for a distance of one mile. The location of those rights are

shown on Plate 7-3. A description of each of the rights is tabulated in Table 7-2.

Any State-Appropriated water supply that may be damaged by mining operations will either be repaired or replaced. As soon as practical, after proof of damage by mining in Lila Canyon, of any State-Appropriated water supply, UEI will replace the water. Water replacement may include sealing surface fractures, piping, trucking water, transferring water rights, or construction of wells. The preferable method of replacement will be sealing of surface fractures effecting the water supply. As a last resort UEI will replace the water by transferring water rights or construction of wells.

As noted in the table, the majority of rights are owned by UEI for industrial use. Other rights owned by the B.L.M. or individuals are primarily for stockwatering.

Table 7-2

LILA CANYON MINE AREA
Water Rights

Water Right/Owner	cfs	gpm	ac.ft.	Source	Use	Point of Diversion
91-557 Eardley, Joseph K.	0	-	0	So. Fork Horse Canyon Creek	Stockwatering	SW 34, T. 15 S, R. 14 E.
91-557 Eardley Joseph K.	0	-	0	So. Fork Horse Canyon Creek	Stockwatering	NE 34, T. 15 S, R. 14 E.
91-1903 State of Utah	0.08	36	0	Spring	Stockwatering	SE 35, T. 15 S, R. 14 E.
*91-148 IPA	0.30	135	0	U. G. Tunnel	Other	NW 3, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
*91-149 IPA	0.10	45	0	U. G. Tunnel	Other	NW 3, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
*91-150 IPA	0.10	45	0	U. G. Tunnel	Other	NW 3, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
*91-4959 CEUF	0.00	-	5.00	Redden Spring	Mining	NE 3, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2616 BLM	0	-	0	Stream	Stockwatering	NW 3, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
*91-183 CEUF	0.8	359	0	Horse Canyon Creek	Domestic, Other	SE 1/4 3, T.. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-185 Minerals Devel. Co.	0.0190	9	0	Well	Domestic, Other	NW 9, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-618 Mont Blackburn	0.0110	5	0	Mont Spring	Stockwatering	NE 11, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2615 BLM	0	-	0	Stream	Stockwatering	NW 10, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-617 Mont Blackburn	0.0110	5	0	Leslie Spring	Stockwatering	NW 11, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-4650 BLM	0	-	0	Tributary to Flat Wash	Stockwatering, Other	SW 9, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
*91-399 IPA	0.050	22	0	Unnamed Spring	Mining, Other	SE 12, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.

Table 7-2

LILA CANYON MINE AREA
Water Rights

Water Right/Owner	cfs	gpm	ac.ft.	Source	Use	Point of Diversion
91-2537 BLM	0.0120	5	0	Spring	Stockwatering	SE 12, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2521 BLM	0.0110	5	0	Cottonwood Spring	Stockwatering	NE 13, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-4648 BLM	0.00	-	0	Unnamed Wash	Stockwatering, Other	SW 14, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-4649 BLM	0	-	0	Unnamed Wash	Stockwatering, Other	NE 23, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
*91-810 IPA	0.050	22	0	Unnamed Spring	Mining, Other	SE 24, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2517 BLM	0.0110	5	0	Pine Spring		SE 24, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2618 BLM	0	-	0	Stream		NW 27, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2619 BLM	0	-	0	Stream		SE 28, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2620 BLM	0	-	0	Stream		SE 28, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2621 BLM	0	-	0	Stream		SW 28, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2617 BLM	0	-	0	Stream		SE 27, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-4646 BLM	0	-	0	Wash	Stockwatering, Other	SW 33, T. 16 S., R. 14 E.
91-2518 BLM	0.110	5	0	Williams Spring		SE 8, T. 17 S., R. 15 E.
91-4516 BLM	0	-	0	Little Park Wash	Stockwatering, Other	SW 7, T. 17 S., R. 15 E.
91-4705 BLM	0	-	0	Bear Canyon	Stockwatering, Other	NW 7, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.

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LILA CANYON MINE AREA
Water Rights

Water Right/Owner	cfs	gpm	ac.ft.	Source	Use	Point of Diversion
91-4621 BLM	0.0150	7	0	Kenna Spring	Stockwatering, Other	NE 8, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-4701 BLM	0	--	0	Nelson Canyon	Stockwatering, Other	NW 17, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-2519 BLM	0.0110	5	0	Unnamed Spring	Stockwatering, Other	SE 18, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
*91-808 IPA	0.050	22	0	Unnamed Spring	Mining, Other	SW 18, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-2538 State of Utah	0.0120	5	0	Unnamed Spring	Stockwatering	SW 18, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-4701 BLM	0	-	0	Nelson Canyon	Stockwatering, Other	SE 17, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-2539 BLM	0.0120	5	0	Pine Spring	Stockwatering	SW 19, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-4703 BLM	0	-	0	Nelson Canyon	Stockwatering, Other	NW 21, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-4703 BLM	0	-	0	Trib. to Nelson	Stockwatering, Other	NE 29, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-4381 State of Utah	0.0150	7	0	Spring	Stockwatering,	NW 32, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-2520 BLM	0.0110	5	0	Unnamed Spring	Stockwatering	NW 32, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
*91-809 IPA	0.0500	22	0	Unnamed Spring	Mining, Other	SE 31, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.
91-2535 BLM	0.0120	5	0	Unnamed Spring	Stockwatering	SE 31, T. 16 S., R. 15 E.

UEI owns the rights to approximately 1.50 cfs in this area. Although the PHC (Appendix 7-3) indicates little, if any, adverse effects on water resources resulting from the operation, if such effects should become evident, lost water sources would be replaced from the rights owned by the company.

728. Probable Hydrologic Consequences (PHC) Determination

728.100 PHC The Probable Hydrologic Consequences (PHC) Determination is provided as a separate document in Appendix 7-3. This determination indicates minimal (or no) negative impacts of the mining or reclamation operation on the quality and quantity of surface and ground water under seasonal flow conditions for the proposed permit and adjacent areas.

728.200 Basis for Determination The PHC is based on baseline hydrologic, geologic and other information such as public records and adjacent mine plan data statistically representative of the site (see Appendix 7-3).

With underground mining, there always exists a potential for impacting surface or ground water resources; however, as indicated in Section 525, subsidence effects are expected to be minimal due to the amount of cover and massive rock stratas between the mining and the surface. Effects on underground water are also expected to be minimal, since this water is not presently issuing to the surface, and any necessary discharges of the water would be in accordance with U.P.D.E.S. requirements.

Water in this area is primarily used for stock or wildlife watering. Any impacts to the small surface springs or seeps as a result of mining would likely be offset by the emergence of new seeps or springs due to fracturing, mine water discharge or replacement of water rights as described under Sections 525, and 731.800.

728.300 Findings

728.310 Adverse Impacts. Potential adverse impacts of the operation on the hydrologic balance include:

(1) Increased sediment loading;

(2) Diminution or interruption of water supplies on water rights;

(3) Discharge (pumping) of contaminated ground water;

(4) Erosion and streamflow alteration;

(5) Deterioration of water quality.

Each of the above potential impacts has been evaluated in the PHC (Appendix 7-3). Based on information provided in this plan to mitigate or otherwise control these impacts, the Probable Hydrologic Consequences determination is that of minimal (or no) negative impacts. (see Appendix 7-3)

728.320 Acid/Toxic Forming Materials (see Appendix 7-3)

728.330 Impacts On:

728.331 Sediment Yield (see Appendix 7-3)

728.332 Water Quality Parameters (see Appendix 7-3)

728.333 Flooding and Streamflow Alteration In the event that sufficient volumes of water are encountered underground that necessitate pumping, the applicant will take the following steps:

(1) Water will be held in sumps as long as possible to promote settling;

(2) Water will be sampled prior to discharge to ensure compliance with UPDES standards;

(3) Prior to mining receiving channel morphology parameters and erosion impacts will be evaluated prior to discharging to any drainage and at least quarterly during pumping to determine what, if any, streamflow alteration is occurring;

(4) If adverse impacts to the receiving stream are noted, steps will be taken, with Division input and approval, to minimize or eliminate those impacts.

(Also see Appendix 7-3)

728.334 Water Availability (see Appendix 7-3)

728.335 Other Characteristics (see Appendix 7-3)

728.340 Surface Mining Activity N/A - Underground Mine

728.400 Permit Revision To be reviewed by the Division.

729. Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Assessment (CHIA)

729.100 CHIA Assessment provided by Division.

729.200 Permit Revision To be reviewed by the Division.

730. Operation Plan

731. General Requirements This will be an underground mine with approximately 42.6 acres of surface disturbance for mine site facilities and roads. Runoff from the disturbed minesite area is proposed to be controlled by a system of ditches and culverts which will convey all disturbed area runoff to a sediment pond for final treatment prior to discharge.

This permit application includes a plan, with maps and descriptions, indicating how the relevant requirements of R645-301-730, R645-301-740, R645-301-750 and R645-301-760 will be met. Each of these sections are addressed in this Chapter, along with relevant Maps and Appendices.

731.100 Hydrologic-Balance Protection

731.110 Ground-Water Protection In order to protect the hydrologic balance, coal mining and reclamation operations will be conducted

according to the plan approved under R645-301-731 and the following:

731.111 Ground-Water Quality Ground-water quality will be protected by the plan described in Section 731 and the following:

(1) Minimizing surface disturbance and proper handling of earth materials to minimize acidic, toxic or other harmful infiltration to ground-water systems;

(2) Testing (as-necessary) to ensure stockpiled materials are non-acid and non-toxic;

(3) Controlling and treating disturbed area runoff to prevent discharge of pollutants into ground-water, by the use of diversions, culverts, silt fences, sediment ponds and by chemical treatment if necessary;

(4) Minimizing and/or treating mine water discharge to comply with U.P.D.E.S. discharge standards;

(5) Establishing where ground-water resources exist within or adjacent to the permit area through a Baseline Study (done) and monitoring quality and quantity of significant sources through impletation of a Water Monitoring Plan (proposed);

(6) Proper handling of potentially harmful materials (such as fuels, grease, oil, etc.) in accordance with an approved Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC).

731.120 Surface-Water Protection In order to protect the hydrologic balance, coal mining and reclamation operations will be conducted according to the plan approved under 731 and the following:

731.121 Surface-Water Quality Surface-water quality will be protected by handling earth materials, ground-water discharges and runoff in a manner that minimizes the formation of acid or toxic drainage; prevents, to the extent possible using the best technology currently available,

additional contributions of suspended solids to streamflow outside the permit area; and, otherwise prevent water pollution.

Surface-water quality protection is proposed to be accomplished by the plan described in Section 731 and the following methods:

(1) Minimizing surface disturbance and proper handling of earth materials to minimize acidic, toxic or other harmful infiltration to ground-water systems;

(2) Testing (as-necessary) to ensure stockpiled materials are non-acid and non-toxic;

(3) Controlling and treating disturbed area runoff to prevent discharge of pollutants into surface-water, by the use of diversions, culverts, silt fences, sediment ponds, and by chemical treatment if necessary;

(4) Minimizing and/or treating mine water discharge to comply with U.P.D.E.S. discharge standards;

(5) Establishing where surface-water resources exist within or adjacent to the permit area through a Baseline Study (done) and monitoring quality and quantity of significant sources through impletation of a Water Monitoring Plan (proposed);

(6) Proper handling of potentially harmful materials (such as fuels, grease, oil, etc.) in accordance with an approved Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC).

731.122 Surface-Water Quantity Surface water quantity and flow rates will be protected as described in Section 731.

731.200 Water Monitoring The water monitoring program was implemented in July, 2000. Baseline data will be collected (as possible) from new monitoring sites L-1-S through L-4-S. These sites are typically dry and no quality data has been gathered as yet. Sites L-6-G through L-10-G have

been monitored for baseline in 1993, 1994, and 1995. These sites, along with IPA-1, IPA-2 and IPA-3, were monitored in December 2000 to determine if they were still viable and to establish a current baseline that will be continuous with operational monitoring.

Preceding each five year permit renewal, ground (springs) and surface waters will be sampled for baseline parameters. Baseline analysis on ground water will be collected at a low flow period. Analysis on surface waters will be conducted on samples collected at either high or low flow periods.

731.210 Ground-Water Monitoring The proposed ground-water monitoring plan is based on results of the Baseline Study and PHC determination. Based on results of these studies, the only ground water expected in the permit area is that which has been identified as springs or seeps, and that which may be expected from perched aquifers encountered by the proposed mining. Since no portals are presently discharging on, or adjacent to, the permit area, and since mining has not started, no underground water is presently available for sampling; selected springs are proposed for sampling under the Ground Water Monitoring Plan.

If ground water is encountered in the future mining of a quantity which requires discharge, the water will be monitored in accordance with requirements of this section and a monitoring plan will be proposed at that time.

For purposes of the water monitoring program, springs and seeps are considered ground water and will be monitored as such.

731.211 Ground-Water Monitoring Plan Based on information in the PHC determination (Appendix 7-3), and as indicated above, the only ground water resources on or adjacent to the permit area that can be monitored at this time; are springs and seeps. See Appendix 7-6 for a detailed description of the water monitoring locations.

There are a total of 11 ground water monitoring sites proposed for this property. (See Table 7-3). Station L-5-G is the potential mine discharge point, and will be monitored at least monthly, or as occurs, in accordance with U.P.D.E.S. Permit requirements. (See Table 7-4) Stations L-5-G, L-7-G, L-8-G,

L-9-G, L-11-G, and L-12-G are significant springs or seeps located over the area of proposed mining. These springs will be monitored on a quarterly basis for parameters listed in Table 7-5.

Station L-6-G (Table 7-3) is in the vicinity of 2 listed springs, Mont Spring and Leslie Spring. These springs are within the same small drainage, and may in fact be the same spring. Close examination of spring/seep and baseline monitoring stations show only one site in this drainage with any consistent flows - site H-18; therefore, this site was originally chosen to monitor the Mont and Leslie Spring area. However in recent years L-6-G has been dry and Location L-11-G has been added to replace site L-6-G. Sampling at L-6-G will be suspended as of the First Quarter of 2003.

Monitoring site L-7-G is intended to monitor a listed site known as Cottonwood Spring. Once again, a close examination of water rights information along with spring/seep and baseline monitoring has shown only one site in this area with any consistency - site #9; therefore, this is the site chosen for monitoring of Cottonwood Spring.

L-8-G is an unnamed spring that matches Earthfax sample site 10.

L-9-G is known as Pine Spring. There have been numerous seep/spring notations in the immediate area, but the only consistent flowing site is Earthfax site 16(Z); this is the site that will be monitored for Pine Spring.

L-10-G is also an unnamed spring that matches Earthfax sample site 14. Since this site is located over 1 mile south of the permit area, it has been replaced with L-12-G which is a more appropriate site to monitor. Monitoring of site L-10-G will be suspended as of the First Quarter of 2003.

L-11-G is known as Mont/Leslie Spring located in the bottom of the upper reaches of Lila Canyon. In recent years L-6-G (H-18) has been dry. However, there has been some minimum flow observed approximately one hundred yards above L-6-G where L-11-G was established.

L-12-G is an unnamed spring which had been developed but is now abandoned. The seep/spring inventory data is shown in Appendix 7-1 and locations are shown on Plate 7-1. Proposed water monitoring sites are shown on Plate 7-4.

L-13-S, L-14-S, and L-15-S are sites being monitored to assist in characterization of the various drainages.

L-16-G and L-17-G are seeps being monitored in Stinky Spring Canyon. These sites were not identified during baseline surveys and are believed to exist intermittently and are not always evident. These two seeps appear to be an important source of water for Bighorn sheep specifically in the early spring.

It should be noted that data has been gathered on the various seeps/springs as part of the original baseline inventory for the South Lease by I.P.A. The data was gathered over the years 1993, 1994 and 1995 and was stopped. In the second quarter of 2001 water monitoring continued.

IPA-1, 2 and 3 are groundwater piezometers in the Little Park Wash area. These holes will be checked quarterly for water depth only. Monitoring of these sites will continue until the mining or subsidence renders them unusable.

At a minimum, total dissolved solids or specific conductance corrected to 25 degrees C, pH, total iron, total manganese and water levels will be monitored, on all points except IPA-1, 2 and 3.

731.212 Monitoring Reports Ground-water will be monitored and data will be submitted at least every three months for each monitoring location. Monitoring submittals will include analytical results from each sample taken during the approved reporting period. When the analysis of any ground-water sample indicates noncompliance with the permit conditions, then the operator will promptly notify the Division and immediately take the actions provided for in 145 and 731.

731.213 Waiver of Monitoring N/A - No waiver is requested.

731.214 Ground-Water Monitoring Duration Ground-water monitoring will continue through mining and reclamation until bond release. If the ground water is a discharge strictly from the mining operations, monitoring will continue, or until the ground water source is no longer accessible. Other monitoring will continue until:

731.214.1 "The coal mining and reclamation operation has minimized disturbance to the prevailing hydrologic balance in the permit and adjacent areas and prevented material damage to the hydrologic balance outside the permit area; water quantity and quality are suitable to support approved postmining land uses"; or,

731.214.2 until "Monitoring is no longer necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in the monitoring plan approved under R645-301-731.211."

731.215 Monitoring Equipment equipment, structures and other devices used in conjunction with monitoring the quality of ground water on-site and off-site will be properly installed, maintained and operated and will be removed by the operator and will be removed by the operator when no longer needed.

731.220 Surface Water Monitoring Surface water monitoring will be conducted in accordance with the plan described in this section.

Based on results of the PHC determination, base-line study and other available information, numerous small springs and seeps exist within, and adjacent to, the permit area. In addition, ephemeral drainages in the area flow in response to snow melt and precipitation events. The proposed surface-water monitoring program will monitor the significant surface water sources, including drainages above and below the disturbed mine site area, and all point-source discharges (i.e. sediment pond). Seeps, springs and potential mine water discharge will be monitored in accordance with the Ground Water Monitoring Plan in the previous section.

It should be noted that field sheets in Appendix 7-2 refer to a point HC-2, while Bar Graphs and Spreadsheets refer to a station B-1. It has been determined that these are the same point. The site is

designated B-1 on Plate 7-1, with a red HC-2 in parenthesis. The electronic data inventory (EDI) also shows both B-1 and HC-2 designations for this site.

Another HC-2 site is listed in the seep/spring inventories in Appendix 7-6 and in the baseline data in Appendix 7-1. This station is also occasionally referred to as H-2 in the seep/spring inventories (Appendix 7-6). It has been determined that the H-2 and HC-2 sites referred to in these 2 appendices are the same station. The station location is shown on Plate 7-1, where it is designated H-2 with a green (HC-2) in parentheses.

There is one other station with confusing designations in the data from Appendix 7-2 and 7-6 - station HCSW-1. This station has 3 different designations in the data - HCSW-1, HSW-1, and HC-1. The point is shown as HC-1 on Plates 7-1 and 7-4; however, a note has been added to Plate 7-1 to show the station is also called (HCSW-1), to eliminate confusion. It should also be noted that there is a seep/spring site designated as H-1 on Plate 7-1. This is not to be confused with any of the above listed HC, HSW or HCSW sites.

These are the only known duplication or wrong designation of sample site numbers. It appears that different samplers or companies conducting seep/spring inventories occasionally used different designations for the same sites - the main problem being the use of H-n or HC-n for the same location, in some instances. Every effort has been made to refine the station identifications and locations on Plate 7-1 to reflect the sampling data provided in Appendices 7-1, 7-2 and 7-6. Wherever a site has 2 different designations, both are shown with one in parentheses.

The following is a list of proposed monitoring sites:

Station No.	Location	Type
L-1-S	Lila Canyon	Intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow
L-2-S	Rt. Fork Lila (above mine)	Ephemeral Stream
L-3-S	Lila Canyon Below Mine	Intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow
L-4-S	Sediment Pond Discharge	UPDES
L-5-G	Mine Water Discharge	UPDES (Groundwater)
L-6-G (suspended)	**Sampling Suspended 1Qtr 2003**	Spring
L-7-G	Cottonwood Spring	Spring
L-8-G	Unnamed Spring	Spring

L-9-G	Pine Spring	Spring
L-10-G (suspended)	**Sampling Suspended 1Qtr 2003**	Spring
L-11-G	Lila Canyon Wash	Spring
L-12-G	Section 25 Wash	Spring
L-13-S	Little Park Wash	Intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow
L-14-S	Section 25 Wash	Intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow
L-15-S (suspended)	**Sampling Suspended 1Qtr 2003**	Intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow
L-16-G	Stinky Spring Wash	Seep
L-17-G	Stinky Spring Wash	Seep
L-18-S	Stinky Spring Wash	Intermittant by rule with ephemeral flow
IPA-1	Little Park Wash	Borehole
IPA-2	Little Park Wash	Borehole
IPA-3	Little Park Wash	Borehole

Sampling at Locations L-13-S, L-14-S, L-15-S, and L-18-S will no longer be required once the washes have been characterized as Intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow or Ephemeral.

Locations of all monitoring sites are shown on Plate 7-4 , "Water Monitoring Location Map".

Proposed monitoring methods, parameters and frequencies are described in Table 7-3, "Water Monitoring Stations", Table 7-4, "Surface Water Monitoring Parameters", and Table 7-5 "Ground Water Monitoring Parameters".

In any one quarter a minimum of three unsuccessful attempts will be made by using either 4 wheel drive vehicles or ATV's to access all water monitoring sites prior to reporting any site as "No Access". However, safety and common sense will prevail while making these attempts.

Monitoring reports will be submitted to the Division at least every 3 months, within 30 days following the end of each quarter.

731.221 Surface-Water Monitoring Plan The proposed surface-water monitoring plan is detailed in Section 731.220. This plan is based on PHC determination and analysis of all baseline hydrologic, geologic and other information in this permit application. The plan provides for monitoring of parameters that relate to the suitability of the surface water for current and approved postmining land uses and to the

objectives for protection of the hydrologic balance as set forth in 751 (see Table 7-4).

731.222 Surface-Water Monitoring Parameters The surface-water monitoring parameters are shown in Table 7-4. Water monitoring locations and sample frequencies are described in Table 7-3 and on Plate 7-4 .

The plan will provide data to show impacts to potentially affected springs, seeps, impoundments and drainages within and adjacent to the permit area, by comparison with relevant baseline data and with applicable effluent limitations.

731.222.1 Non-point Source Locations The parameter list in Table 7-4 provides monitoring for all parameters required by this section. The monitoring locations and frequencies described in Table 7-3 show that all significant springs, seeps, impoundments and drainages that could potentially be impacted by the mining and reclamation operations will be monitored on a regular basis.

731.222.2 Point-source Discharges Point-source discharge monitoring will be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 122 and 123, R645-301-751 and as required by the Utah Division of Environmental Health for Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (U.P.D.E.S.) permits. A U.P.D.E.S. discharge permit application has been submitted to the Division of Environmental Health for the proposed sediment pond and mine water for the Lila Canyon operation. Existing U.P.D.E.S. permit applications for the Lila Canyon Mine are provided in Appendix 7-5.

731.223 Reporting As indicated in Section 731.220, surface-water monitoring data will be submitted at least every 3 months for each monitoring location. When analysis of any surface water sample indicates non-compliance with the permit conditions, the company will promptly notify the Division and immediately take actions to identify the source of the problem, correct the problem and, if necessary, to provide warning to

any person whose health and safety is in imminent danger due to the non-compliance.

731.224 Duration Surface-water monitoring will continue through mining and reclamation until bond release. Locations, parameters and/or sampling frequency (other than U.P.D.E.S. discharge points) may be modified by the Division if:

731.224.1 "The operator has minimized disturbance to the hydrologic balance in the permit and adjacent areas and prevented material damage to the hydrologic balance outside the permit area; water quantity and quality are suitable to support approved postmining land uses"; or,

731.224.2 "Monitoring is no longer necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in the monitoring plan approved under 731.221.

731.225 Monitoring Equipment Equipment, structures and other devices used in conjunction with monitoring the quality and quantity of surface water on-site and off-site will be properly installed, maintained and operated and will be removed by the operator when no longer needed.

731.300 Acid- and Toxic-Forming Materials Drainage from acid- and toxic-forming materials and underground development waste into surface water and ground water will be avoided by implementation of a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan and by the following:

731.311 Identification/Burial of Acid- or Toxic-Forming Materials Potentially acid- or toxic-forming materials will be identified by use of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), or by direct sampling and analysis in the case of underground development waste.

Any material which exhibits acid- or toxic-forming characteristics will be properly stored, protected from runoff, removed to an approved disposal site or buried on site beneath a minimum of 4' of non-acid, non-toxic material.

731.312 Storage of Acid- or Toxic-Forming Materials Storage of potentially acid- or toxic-forming materials, such as fuel, oils, solvents and non-coal waste will be in a controlled manner, designed to contain spillage and prevent runoff to surface or ground water resources.

All oils and solvents will be stored in proper containers within enclosed structures. Fuels will be stored in appropriate tanks, enclosed within concrete or earthen bermed areas designed to contain any spillage.

Non-coal waste (garbage) will be stored in a designated location, in dumpsters, and removed to an approved landfill (East Carbon Development Contractors - ECDC) on a regular, as-needed basis.

Unused or obsolete equipment or supplies will be stored in a designated area. Drainage from the storage area will be directed to the sediment pond as shown on the Sediment Control Map, Plate 7-5.

Underground development waste (if any) will also be stored in a designated area. Such waste will be tested for acid- or toxic-forming potential, and if found to be acid- or toxic-forming, the waste site will be protected from surface runoff by the use of earthen berms.

731.320 Storage, Burial, Treatment All storage, burial and treatment practices will be as described in this permit, and consistent with applicable material handling and disposal provisions of the R645-Rules.

Table 7-3
Lila Canyon Mine
Water Monitoring Stations

Station	Location	Type	Frequency	Remarks
L-1-S	Lila Canyon	Int. Stream	Monthly	At mine Site
L-2-S	Rt. Fork Lila (above mine)	Ephemeral Stream	Monthly	RF Above Mine Site
L-3-S	Lila Canyon (below mine)	Int. Stream	Monthly	RF Below Mine Site
L-4-S	Sediment Pond	Discharge	Monthly or as occurs	Per UPDES Permit
L-5-G	Mine Water	Discharge	Monthly or as occurs	Per UPDES Permit
L-6-G	Lila Canyon	Spring	Sampling Suspended 1Qtr 2003	Replaced by L-11-G Water Right 91-617
L-7-G	Little Park	Spring	Quarterly	Cottonwood Spring Sample Site 9 Water Right 91-2521
L-8-G	Little Park	Spring	Quarterly	Unnamed Spring Sample Site 10 Water Right 91-2538
L-9-G	Little Park	Spring	Quarterly	Pine Spring Sample Site 16Z Water Right 91-2539
L-10-G	Williams Draw	Spring	Sampling Suspended 1Qtr 2003	Replaced by L-12-G Water Right 91-809
L-11-G	Lila Canyon	Spring	Quarterly	Mont/Leslie Spring Replaces L-6-G Water Right 91-618

Table 7-3
Lila Canyon Mine
Water Monitoring Stations

Station	Location	Type	Frequency	Remarks
L-12-G	Section 25 Spring	Spring	Quarterly	Replaces L-10-G
L-13-S	Little Park Wash	Dry Wash	Monthly	At Road Crossing
L-14-S	Section 25 Wash	Dry Wash	Monthly	At Road Crossing
L-15-S	Williams Draw Wash	Dry Wash	Sampling Suspended 1Qtr of 2003	At Road Crossing
L-16-G	Stinky Spring Wash	Seep	Quarterly	Top of Mancos
L-17-G	Stinky Spring Wash	Seep	Quarterly	Top of Mancos
L-18-S	Stinky Springs Wash	Dry Wash	Monthly	Adjacent to Access Road
IPA-1	Little Park	Borehole	Quarterly	Water Level Only
IPA-2	Little Park	Borehole	Quarterly	Water Level Only
IPA-3	Little Park	Borehole	Quarterly	Water Level Only

NOTE: Sites L-13-S, L-14-S, L-15-S, and L-18-S will no longer be monitored after the washes have been characterized.

Table 7-4
Lila Canyon Mine
Surface Water Monitoring Parameters
Operational and Post-Mining

Field Measurements	Reported As
Water Level or Flow	Depth, Flow
pH	Standard Units
Specific Conductivity (ohms/cm)	umhos/cm @ 25° C
Temperature	° C
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/l
Laboratory Measurements	**Reported As**
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l
Total Settleable Solids	(UPDES)
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l
Total Hardness ($CACO_3$)	mg/l
Total Alkalinity	mg/l
Carbonate (CO_3^{-2})	mg/l
Bicarbonate $(HC)_3^{-1}$)	mg/l
Calcium (Ca) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Chloride (Cl^-)	mg/l
Iron (Fe) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Iron (Fe) (Total)	mg/l
Magnesium (Mg) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Manganese (Mn) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Manganese (Mn) (Total)	mg/l
Potassium (K) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Sodium (Na) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Sulfate (SO_4^{-2})	mg/l
Oil and Grease (As required)	mg/l
Cations	meq/l
Anions	meq/l

Table 7-5
Lila Canyon Mine
Ground Water Monitoring Parameters
Operational and Post-Mining

Field Measurements	Reported As
Water Level or Flow	Depth, Flow
pH	Standard Units
Specific Conductivity	umhos/cm @ 25° C
Temperature	° C
Laboratory Measurements	**Reported As**
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l
Total Hardness ($CACO_3$)	mg/l
Total Alkalinity	mg/l
Carbonate (CO_3^{-2})	mg/l
Bicarbonate $(HC)_3^{-1}$)	mg/l
Calcium (Ca) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Chloride (Cl^-)	mg/l
Iron (Fe) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Iron (Fe) (Total)	mg/l
Magnesium (Mg) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Manganese (Mn) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Manganese (Mn) (Total)	mg/l
Potassium (K) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Sodium (Na) (Dissolved)	mg/l
Sulfate (SO_4^{-2})	mg/l
Oil and Grease (As required)	mg/l
Cations	meq/l
Anions	meq/l

731.400 Transfer of Wells There are presently three piezometers on this permit. When these piezometers are no longer required, they will be sealed in a safe, environmentally sound manner in accordance with regulations (see Section 631.200). The Horse Canyon Well will be donated to the College of Eastern Utah as part of the Post Mine Land use Change

731.500 Discharges The only proposed discharges from this operation will be from the sediment pond and/or underground mine water. Each of these potential discharges would be monitored and controlled within requirements of approved U.P.D.E.S. Discharge Permits.

731.510 Discharges into an Underground Mine There are no plans to discharge any water into an underground mine. This section is not applicable.

731.512 Types of Discharge The only planned discharges from this site are water, in the form of sediment pond discharge or underground mine water discharge.

731.512.1 Water See Section 731.512.

731.512.2 Coal Processing Waste N/A - There are no plans to process coal or discharge coal processing waste from this site.

731.512.3 Fly Ash from a Coal-Fired Facility N/A - There are no plans for a coal-fired facility at this time.

731.512.4 Sludge from Acid-Mine-Drainage Treatment N/A There are no plans for an acid-mine-drainage treatment facility at this time.

731.512.5 Flue-gas Desulfurization Sludge N/A - There are no plans for flue-gas desulfurization at this site.

731.512.6 Inert Materials N/A - There are no plans to use or discharge inert materials used for stabilizing underground mines.

731.512.7 Any underground mine development wastes that cannot be left and permanently stored underground will be brought to the surface and stored in a controlled, designated location. Final disposal of such material will depend on its volume, physical and chemical characteristics and potential for use in reclamation. There are presently no plans to return such material underground; however, if this does become necessary in the future, complete plans will be submitted for disposal at that time.

731.513 Water from Underground Workings Based on historical data from other mines in the area, some mine water can be expected to be encountered during the mining operation. Typically, such water is stored in "sumps" or designated areas in the mine and used for mining operations or discharged to the surface. A sump is an underground storage area that is used to temporarily store water before it is used underground or pumped to the surface for discharge. The main purpose of a sump is to remove sediments. The sump will also remove oil/grease if they were to get into the water. The size of a sump can vary from a few hundred gallons to several thousand gallons. The size normally depends on the space available and the amount of water needed for mining operations.

In order to more accurately define the potential impact of the mine on ground water, underground usage discharge amounts, if they were to occur, would be documented. This information along with the surface monitoring program will provide the best information available as to the potential impact of the mine on ground water.

IPA piezometers 1-3 will still be monitored quarterly if possible. The three piezometers were monitored on December 22, 2000. The water level probe during this period was unable to reach the depth required to measure the water level of IPA-1 and IPA -3. Another attempt will be made to enter these piezometers when the sites are accessible.

The water level of IPA-2 was very consistent with the last reading taken on April 29, 1996. This piezometer (IPA-2) is the farthest west of the three piezometers and is up dip from

the other two. Any impact to ground water would be noticed very quickly at IPA-2. This information from IPA-2 along with the past baseline data on the three piezometers and the in mine water monitoring program mentioned above, would provide an accurate evaluation of potential ground water impacts.

At the present time, there are no plans to divert water from the underground workings of this operation to any other underground workings.

If it became necessary to discharge water from the mine, this water would be discharged in accordance with the UPDES permit application in Appendix 7-5. The water would be discharged into the Right Fork of Lila Canyon. Refer to Plate 7-5.

731.520 Gravity Discharges Location of the proposed portal slopes are below the western (upper) exposure of the easterly dipping coal bed. In the area immediately around the proposed portals, no water is presently issuing from the strata above or below the coal outcrop; therefore, it is assumed any water encountered in the underground mining will not be under artesian pressure or with sufficient hydrostatic head to raise it to the portal site.

The coal seam to be mined dips away from the portal site at approximately 10%. If water is encountered in the mining, it will likely be at a static level far below the exposed outcrop or rock slopes. This may result in some possible mine discharge from pumping, but not from gravity.

731.521 Portal Location The proposed access portals are below the coal outcrop, as shown on Figure 7-1, Plates 5-5 and 7-5. The fan is to be located above, at the outcrop. The rock slopes will slope up to the east at approximately 12% to contact the coal seam; however, the coal seam is dipping down to the east in this area. The approximate point of contact between the rock slopes and the coal seam will be 1227' from the surface at an elevation of 6300'. Ground water levels in the mining area, based on the 3 water monitoring

holes and other geologic data, appear to be nearly static at elevation 5990 in this area (see Figure 7-1).

Water level in the mine would have to raise approximately 310' to reach the rock slope/coal seam contact and result in a gravity discharge. Water monitoring results and other historical data in the area do not indicate this is likely to occur.

731.522 Surface Entries after January 21, 1981 This is not known to be an acid-producing or iron-producing coal seam; however, proposed portals are located to prevent gravity discharge from the mine (see Section 731.521).

731.600 N/A - There will be no surface disturbing or reclamation operations within 100 feet of a perennial or intermittent stream. All streams within the permit area are either ephemeral or intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow. However, the Operator will install stream buffer zone signs in locations shown on Plate 5-2. Since all streams within the permit area are either ephemeral or intermittent by rule with ephemeral flow. Section 731.600 is not applicable.

731.700 Cross Sections and Maps The following is a list of cross-sections and maps provided in this section of the P.A.P.

Plate 7-1	Permit Area Hydrology Map
Plate 7-2	Disturbed Area Hydrology/Watershed
Plate 7-3	Water Rights Locations
Plate 7-4	Water Monitoring Location Map
Plate 7-5	Proposed Sediment Control Map
Plate 7-6	Proposed Sediment Pond
Plate 7-7	Post-Mining Hydrology

All required maps and cross-sections have been prepared by, or under the supervision of, and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer, State of Utah.

731.710 General Area Hydrology Plate 7-1.

731.720 Plate 7-2.

731.730 Water Monitoring Map Plate 7-4.

731.740 Sediment Pond Map Plate 7-6.

731.750 Plate 7-6.

731.760 Other Maps (See Section 731.700 for a complete list of maps provided in this section).

731.800 Water Rights and Replacement (See Section 727)

732. Sediment Control Measures

732.100 Siltation Structures The only proposed siltation structure for this site is the sediment pond. All disturbed area runoff is proposed to be directed to this pond for final treatment prior to discharge.

The sediment pond will be constructed and maintained in compliance with applicable regulations. Details of the proposed pond are discussed in the following section and in Appendix 7-4.

732.200 Sedimentation Ponds As discussed above, all disturbed area runoff is proposed to be directed to a sediment pond for final treatment prior to any discharge. The proposed sediment pond will be located at the low point of the disturbed area, as shown on Plate 7-5.

732.210 Sediment Pond Details The proposed sediment pond is considered temporary, and will be removed during final reclamation. The pond is designed in compliance with the requirements of the following sections, as required:

356.300 - The pond will be maintained until the disturbed area has been stabilized and revegetated. Removal shall not be any sooner than 2 years after the last augmented seeding;

356.400 - Upon removal, the pond area will be reclaimed and reseeded according to the reclamation plan;

513.200 - N/A - The proposed sediment pond does not meet the size or other qualifying criteria of MSHA, 30 CFR 77.216(a);

763 - Refer to this regulation addressed later in this chapter.

Design details for the sediment pond and site drainage control are addressed in Appendix 7-4 of this P.A.P.

732.220 MSHA Requirements This section does not apply since there are no plans for construction of coal processing waste dams or embankments at this site. The proposed pond does not meet the size or other qualifying criteria of MSHA, 30 CFR 77.216(a).

732.300 Diversions There is one undisturbed diversion planned for this site. This diversion consists of a bypass culvert beneath the sediment pond, which will allow undisturbed runoff to bypass the site without mixing with disturbed area runoff.

Other diversions planned consist of disturbed area ditches and culverts, as shown on Plate 7-5. Design details for all diversions are provided in Appendix 7-4.

All diversions will be constructed and maintained to comply with the requirements of R645-301-742.100 and R645-301-742.300. Details are described under those respective sections of this chapter.

732.400 Road Drainage All roads will be constructed, maintained and reconstructed to comply with R645-301-742.400. Specific information to road drainage is provided under that section of this chapter.

732.410 Alteration or Relocation of Natural Drainages There are no plans to construct roads which will require alteration or relocation of natural drainageways, other than by providing culverted crossings over ephemeral drainages. There are no plans to alter or relocate any intermittent or perennial drainages in conjunction with road construction.

Road construction and design details are provided in Chapter 5 of this P.A.P. Road drainage and culvert design details are provided in Appendix 7-4.

732.420 Culverts Culvert details are provided in Appendix 7-4. All undisturbed culvert inlets will be provided with headwall protection, consisting of inlet sections, rock or concrete.

733. Impoundments The only water impoundment proposed for this site is the sediment pond. Design details for the pond are provided in Appendix 7-4 and on Plate 7-6.

733.100 General Plans The general plan for this site is to drain runoff from the disturbed area into a single sedimentation pond for treatment prior to discharge. Site drainage and design details are described in Appendix 7-4. The general plan includes the following, at a minimum:

733.110 Certification The sediment control plan and proposed sediment pond designs have been prepared and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer, State of Utah.

733.120 Maps and Cross Sections Sediment pond locations, design plans and cross sections are provided on Plates 7-5 and 7-6, respectively.

733.130 Narrative A complete description of the proposed sediment pond along with volumes and design/construction details in provided in Appendix 7-4.

733.140 Survey The proposed sediment pond is <u>not</u> located within a potential subsidence area from past underground mining operations.

733.150 Hydrologic and Geologic Information Relevant hydrologic and geologic information for the sediment pond is provided in Appendix 7-4.

733.160 Certification Statement All proposed sediment pond structures are provided with this submittal. The structure will be constructed prior to construction of the mine site area, but not before receiving Division approval.

733.200 Permanent and Temporary Impoundments As indicated earlier, the proposed sediment pond is classed as temporary.

733.210 Design Requirements The proposed sediment pond is temporary; therefore, the pond is not designed to meet requirements of MSHA 30 CFR 77.216.

The proposed pond is not located where failure would expect to cause loss of life or serious property damage. As shown in Appendix 7-4, the proposed pond embankment will have a minimum of 3H : 1V on the inside slope and 2H : 1V on the outside. These slopes, along with the 95% compaction requirement, will ensure a static safety factor in excess of 1.3, as required.

733.220 Permanent Impoundment Section 733.220 is not applicable since the impoundment will be temporary.

733.230 Temporary Impoundment The proposed sediment pond is a temporary impoundment, and will be removed when reclamation sediment control and revegetation criteria are met, in accordance with Phase II Bond Release criteria.

733.240 Inspections/Potential Hazards As indicated under Section 515.200, if any examination or inspection shows a potential hazard exists, the person who examined the impoundment will promptly notify the Division of the finding and emergency procedures formatted for public protection and remedial action.

734. Discharge Structure All discharges from sedimentation ponds, diversions and culverts will be protected from erosion by the use of adequately sized rip-rap, concrete or other approved protection. Details for outlet protection for all drainage control structures are provided in appendix 7-4. All discharge structures have been designed according to standard engineering design procedures.

735. Disposal of Excess Spoil No excess spoil production is anticipated.

736. Coal Mine Waste Any areas designated for the disposal of coal mine waste will be constructed and maintained to comply with R645-301-746. Details are described under that section.

737. Noncoal Mine Waste Storage and final disposal of noncoal mine waste are described under section 747.

738. Temporary Casing and Sealing of Wells There are no wells proposed to be used to monitor ground water conditions associated with this permit or operation.

740. Design Criteria and Plans Design criteria and plans for this permit are detailed in Appendix 7-4. The following section will describe the general drainage and sediment control plan.

741. General Requirements The proposed operation is an underground mine with a relatively small surface disturbance for transportation, support and coal handling facilities. The proposed surface facilities will comprise a disturbed perimeter of approximately 42.6 acres. Access roads and utility lines will consist of approximately 10 acres of additional disturbance along a BLM Right-of-Way designated as a "Transportation Corridor".

The majority of undisturbed runoff from areas above the proposed mine site will be diverted beneath the site via an undisturbed diversion culvert. Runoff from the disturbed mine site area will be directed to a sediment pond, designed to contain and treat the runoff from a 10 year - 24 hour precipitation event for the contributing watershed. Disturbed area runoff will be directed to the sediment pond via a combination of properly sized ditches and culverts. The general drainage control plan for the mine site is shown on Plate 7-5. The complete Drainage Design and Control Plan is provided in Appendix 7-4 of this P.A.P.

742. Sediment Control Measures See Appendix 7-4 for Sediment Control Measure details.

742.100 General Requirements

742.110 Designed/Constructed/Maintained Appropriate sediment control measures will be designed, constructed and maintained using the best technology currently available to:

742.111 "Prevent, to the extent possible, additional contributions of sediment to stream flow or to runoff outside the permit area;"

This will be accomplished by the construction of undisturbed diversions to allow most undisturbed runoff to by-pass the site and by routing all disturbed runoff to a sediment pond for treatment prior to discharge.

742.112 "Meet the effluent limitations under R645-301-751;"

Any discharge from the sediment pond will be made in compliance with all Utah and federal water quality laws and regulations and with effluent limitations for coal mining promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set forth in 40 CFR Part 434.

742.113 "Minimize erosion to the extent possible:" This will be accomplished by proper routing of drainage, and by the use of energy dissipators and/or erosion protection at all sediment pond, ditch and culvert outlets and in ditches where erosive velocities are expected.

742.120 Sediment Control Measure Sediment control measures within and adjacent to the disturbed areas are detailed in Appendix 7-4. These measures include, but are not limited to:

742.121 As discussed in Appendix 7-4, runoff from the disturbed area will be captured in a sediment pond and/or treated as necessary to meet effluent limitations prior to discharge.

742.122 As discussed in Appendix 7-4, the majority of undisturbed drainage from above the mine site will be diverted via designed undisturbed diversions.

742.123 Undisturbed diversions will consist of properly designed and protected channels and/or culverts as described in Appendix 7-4.

742.124 The primary means of velocity reduction is planned to be the use of rip-rap; however, other methods such as straw dikes, check dams and/or vegetative filters may be employed during the operational or reclamation phases as determined necessary, and with Diversion approval.

742.125 There are no plans to treat runoff with chemicals. Based on extensive experience with runoff in this area, effluent requirements for discharge can normally be met by containment and settling in a sediment pond.

742.126 It is expected that water will be encountered in the underground mining; however, this water will be used for mining needs and only discharged when no further storage is available underground. Any discharge of mine water will meet applicable effluent limitations. Such water will be sampled (and treated if necessary) prior to discharge.

742.200 Siltation Structures As described in Appendix 7-4 the sediment pond will provide for sediment removal for most of the surface facility disturbance. An alternate sediment control method of berms and silt fences will be used at the fan site. The description of this alternate sediment control method is also described in Appendix 7-4. This is necessary due to its remote location and rough terrain. Other sediment structures that might be used around the surface facilities are temporary sediment traps such as straw dikes and/or catch basins.

742.210 General Requirements Siltation structures will be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the following regulations.

742.211 Siltation structures will be constructed using the best technology currently available to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids and sediment to streamflow outside the permit area to the extent possible. Sediment control structures and details are discussed in Appendix 7-4.

742.212 The siltation structures (i.e. sediment pond) will be constructed prior to any coal mining and reclamation operations. Upon construction, the pond and any other

siltation structures will be certified by a qualified registered professional engineer to be constructed as designed and approved in the reclamation plan.

742.213 The sediment pond will be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with all applicable regulations. See 732.200, 733.200 and Appendix 7-4 for details.

742.214 Any discharge of water from underground workings to surface waters will meet applicable effluent limitations of 751. If such water is found not to meet those requirements, the water will be treated underground prior to discharge, or passed through a siltation structure prior to leaving the permit area.

742.220 Sedimentation Ponds The sedimentation pond will meet the following criteria:

742.221.1 The pond will be used individually;

742.221.2 The pond is located at the lower end of the disturbed area and out of any perennial stream (See Plate 7-5);

742.221.3 The sediment pond will be designed, constructed and maintained to:

742.221.31 The pond is designed to contain the runoff from a 10 year - 24 hour precipitation event for the area in addition to a minimum of 2 years of sediment storage.

742.221.32 The pond is designed to provide a minimum of 24 hour retention of the runoff from a 10 year - 24 hour precipitation event.

742.221.33 The pond is designed to contain the runoff from a 10 year - 24 hour precipitation event plus a minimum of 2 years of sediment storage.

742.221.34 A nonclogging dewatering device is proved as described in Appendix 7-4.

742.221.35 This will be accomplished by proper design, construction and maintenance of the pond as described in Appendix 7-4.

742.221.36 As discussed in Appendix 7-4, sediment will be removed when the level reaches the 2 year storage level. Since the pond is oversized, this leaves adequate room for storage of the design event.

742.221.37 The sediment pond construction ensures against excessive settlement. See "Sediment Pond Construction Requirements" in Appendix 7-4.

742.221.38 Sediment pond will be free of sod, large roots, frozen soil, and acid- or toxic forming coal processing waste. See "Sediment Pond Construction Requirements" in Appendix 7-4.

742.221.39 The sediment pond will be compacted properly. See "Sediment Pond Construction Requirements" in Appendix 7-4.

742.222 Sediment Ponds Meeting MSHA Criteria The proposed pond does not meet the size or other qualifying criteria of MSHA, 30 CFR 77.216(a). Therefore, this section is not applicable.

742.223 Sediment Ponds Not Meeting MSHA Criteria As discussed in Appendix 7-4, the pond will be equipped with a principle spillway culvert and an open channel spillway each sized to safely discharge runoff from a 25 year - 6 hour precipitation event.

742.223.1 The Principle Spillway culvert is and the Emergency Overflow Culverts will be corrugated, metal pipe. Each one designed to carry sustained flows.

742.223.2 N/A - See 742.223.1

742.224 N/A - See 742.223.1

742.225 N/A - No exception requested.

742.225.1 N/A

742.225.2 N/A

742.230 Other Treatment Facilities No other treatment facilities are planned for this operation. Therefore, Section 742.230 is not applicable.

742.240 Exemptions No exemptions are requested at this time; however, since this is a new proposed operation, the need for Small Area Exemptions and/or Alternate Sediment Control Areas may arise in the future.

742.300 Diversions

742.310 General Requirements

742.311 All diversions are considered temporary, and will be removed upon final reclamation.

Diversions are designed to minimize adverse impacts to the hydrologic balance within the permit and adjacent areas, to prevent material damage outside the permit area and to assure the safety of the public detailed diversion designs are presented in Appendix 7-4 of this P.A.P.

742.312 See Appendix 7-4 for diversion designs.

742.313 As indicated, all diversions for the Lila Canyon Mine are temporary, and will be removed when no longer needed. Land disturbed by removal will be reclaimed in accordance with R645-301 and R645-302. Prior to diversion removal, downstream water treatment facilities will be modified or

removed. See Reclamation Hydrology Section of Appendix 7-4.

742.320 Diversion of Perennial and Intermittent Steams Section 742.320 is not applicable since there are no diversions planned for perennial or intermittent streams within the permit area.

742.330 Diversion of Miscellaneous Flows All diversions within the permit area are of miscellaneous flows.

742.331 Certain miscellaneous undisturbed flows are proposed to be diverted around the disturbed area. Other flows are diverted within the disturbed area and to the sediment pond, as described in Appendix 7-4.

742.332 See Appendix 7-4.

742.333 All temporary diversions are designed to safely pass the peak runoff of a 10-year 6-hour event resulting in a more robust design that the required 2-year 6-hour precipitation event. See Appendix 7-4 for details.

742.400 Road Drainage

742.410 All Roads All roads are designed in accordance with requirements of 534. Drainage control for all roads is discussed in detail in Appendix 7-4. No part of any road is planned to be located in the channel of an intermittent or perennial stream. As shown on Plate 7-2, roads are located to minimize downstream sedimentation and flooding.

742.420 Primary Roads Primary road design is discussed under 534.

742.421 As described in Section 534, all primary roads are to be located, insofar as practical, on the most stable available surfaces.

742.422 There are no stream fords planned for this operation.

742.423 Drainage Control Road drainage control is discussed in Appendix 7-4.

742.423.1 Primary roads will be equipped with adequate drainage control, including ditches, culverts and relief drains. The drainage control system is designed, and will be constructed and maintained, to pass the peak runoff safely from a 10 year - 6 hour precipitation event, as described in Appendix 7-4.

742.423.2 Culvert design and installation details are described in Appendix 7-4. Inlets and outlets are protected from erosion. Undisturbed culvert inlets are to be equipped with trash racks.

742.423.3 Drainage ditch design details are provided in Appendix 7-4.

742.423.4 There are plans to alter the drainage channel on the south boundary of the disturbed area. This drainage is an ephemeral channel with no raparian habitat. A stream alteration permit will not be required for this channel. A 60 inch culvert and a sedimentation pond will be placed in this channel. Installation of this culvert and sedimentation control plans are described in Appendix 7-4. To ensure that state of the art technology is incorporated, the final reclamation plans for the sedimentation pond area will be submitted prior to commencement of final reclamation of this area.

742.423.5 Stream channel crossings will be provided by culverts designed, constructed and maintained using current, prudent engineering practice, as described in Appendix 7-4.

743. Impoundments

743.100 General Requirements All impoundments associated with this operation are considered temporary.

743.110 Not applicable there are no impoundments planned that meet the criteria of MSHA, 30 CFR 77.216 (a).

743.120 The design of impoundments have been prepared and certified by a qualified, registered professional engineer. As described in Appendix 7-4, the proposed sediment pond will have at least 2' of freeboard above the highest flow level in the emergency spillway, which is adequate to resist overtopping by waves and by sudden increases in storage volumes.

743.130 As described in Appendix 7-4, the sediment pond will be equipped with a culvert riser principal spillway and a culvert riser emergency overflow sized to safely pass the runoff from a 25 year - 6 hour precipitation event.

743.131 The principal spillway design is discussed below.

743.131.1 The principle spillway will be constructed of corrugated metal pipe. The emergency spillway will also be constructed of corrugated metal pipe.

744. Discharge Structures

744.100 The sediment pond emergency spillway will be a vertical corrugated metal pipe. It will flow into a 60" diameter C.M.P. beneath the pond and discharge onto an engineered rip-rap apron to prevent scouring or erosion. (See Appendix 7-4).

Diversions and culvert outlets that are expected to have flow velocities in excess of 5 fps will also be equipped with erosion and velocity controls as described in Appendix 7-4.

744.200 Discharge structures have been designed and certified according to standard engineering design procedures. (See Appendix 7-4).

745. Disposal of Excess Spoil Section 745 is not applicable since there are no plans for disposal of excess spoil at the Lila Canyon operation.

746. Coal Mine Waste The area designated for coal mine waste disposal is within an existing depression area which is located beneath and around the proposed coal storage pile area as shown on Plates 5-2, 7-2 and 7-5. This disposal area will be used for disposal of the rock slope material, reject from coal processing, coal contaminated waste from the mine (i.e. roof falls, etc.) and/or sediment pond waste.

The designated waste area will be within the disturbed area and drained to the sediment pond, and will be constructed according to Division and MSHA requirements. Coal mine waste disposal is discussed in detail under Section 536 of this permit.

746.100 General Requirements

746.110 All coal mine waste will be placed in a new disposal area within the permit area as discussed in Section 536 and 746.

746.120 The area selected for coal mine waste disposal will drain to the sediment pond for final treatment to minimize adverse effects on the surface and ground water quality and quantity. (See Plates 7-2 and 7-5).

746.200 Refuse Piles. The refuse area is described under Coal Mine Waste in Section 746 and detailed in Section 536. Rock slope material will be used as fill and is referred to as refuse. No coal refuse pile is anticipated. Other than described in Section 536.

746.210 In the event a refuse pile is needed for future operations the refuse piles would be designed to meet the requirements of the above listed Division regulations as well as applicable MSHA regulations. See Section 536 for details.

746.211 The coal mine waste disposal areas will not be located in an area containing springs, seeps or water courses. As shown on Plates 5-2 and 7-5 and described in Appendix 7-4, runoff from the areas will be drained to the sediment pond.

746.212 As described in Sections 536 and 746, the coal refuse will be placed within the mine workings, rock slope material will be placed in existing depression areas. These areas are below grade and will drain to the sediment pond. Due to the location (below grade) no berms or diversion ditches are planned for the Coal Mine Waste Area. See Appendix 7-4 for hydrologic details.

746.213 Not applicable since there are no underdrains planned for this pile.

746.220 Surface Area Stabilization

746.221 The plan for revegetation of the area is discussed in Section 536.

746.222 There are no plans for any permanent impoundments on the refuse or Coal mine waste area. Small depressions may exist for a short time until regrading is completed. These depressions are normally less than one foot in depth and not left for more than 30 days.

746.300 This section is not applicable since there are no plans to construct any impounding structures of coal mine waste or to impound coal mine waste.

746.400 This section is not applicable since there are no plans to return coal processing waste to abandoned underground workings.

747. Disposal of Noncoal Waste. Disposal of non-coal mine waste is discussed under Section 528.330 of this permit.

747.100 As indicated in Section 528.330, non-coal mine waste will be stored in a controlled manner in a designated area on site. Final disposal of all noncoal mine waste , except concrete during reclamation, will be in a state-approved solid waste disposal area (E.C.D.C.).

747.200 As shown on Plates 5-2B and 7-5, the proposed noncoal mine waste storage area is in a designated site, free of springs or seeps, and drained to the sediment pond.

747.300 There are no plans to dispose of noncoal mine waste within the permit area, except concrete during reclamation. The concrete will be buried beneath a minimum of 2' of non-acid, non-toxic material, and will not degrade surface or ground water.

748. Casing and Sealing of Wells There are only three ground water piezometers on the site IPA-1, IPA-2 and IPA-3. They will be reclaimed according to the requirements of the Division's Performance Standards. If any additional wells are required in the future, requirements of this section will be met.

750. Performance Standards

751. Water Quality Discharges of water from this operation will be made in compliance with all Utah and federal water quality laws and regulations and with effluent limitations for coal mining promulgated by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency set forth in 40 CFR Part 434. See Sections 731 and 742.

752. Sediment Control Measures Sediment control measures will be located, maintained, constructed and reclaimed according to plans and designs described under Sections 732, 742, 760 and Appendix 7-4.

752.100 Siltation Structures Siltation structures and diversions will be located, maintained, constructed and reclaimed according to plans and designs described under Sections 732, 742, 763 and Appendix 7-4.

752.200 Road Drainage Roads will be located, designed, constructed, reconstructed, used, maintained and reclaimed as described under Sections 732.400, 742.400 and 762.

752.210 Control or Prevent Erosion See Section 742.400 and Appendix 7-4.

752.220 Control or Prevent Additional Disturbance See Section 742.400 and Appendix 7-4.

752.230 Effluent Standards See Section 742.400 and Appendix 7-4.

752.240 Degradation of Ground Water Systems See Section 742.400 and Appendix 7-4.

752.250 Altering Normal Flow of Water See Section 742.400 and Appendix 7-4.

753. Impoundments and Discharge Structures Impoundments and discharge structures will be located, maintained, constructed and reclaimed as described in Sections 733, 734, 743, 745, 760 and Appendix 7-4.

754. Disposal of Excess Spoil, Coal Mine Waste and Noncoal Mine Waste Disposal areas for excess spoil, coal mine waste and noncoal mine waste will be located, maintained, constructed and reclaimed to comply with Sections 735, 736, 745, 746, 747 and 760.

755. Casing and Sealing of Wells Not applicable since no wells are planned for this site.

760. Reclamation Reclamation hydrology is detailed in Appendix 7-4.

761. General Requirements Upon completion of operations, the disturbed area will be reclaimed. All drainage and sediment controls are considered temporary and will be removed when no longer required. The sediment

pond will remain in place until Phase II Bond Release requirements have been met. At that time, the pond will be removed and the area will be reclaimed in accordance with the approved plan.

762. Roads All roads within the disturbed area are temporary, and will be removed and reclaimed upon completion of operations. An access road will be left in place to reach the sediment pond; however, this road will also be removed and reclaimed when the sediment pond is removed.

762.100 Upon removal of roads, culverts and diversions will also be removed and the natural drainage patterns will be restored.

762.200 Cut and fill slopes will be reshaped according to the approved reclamation plan. This reshaping will be compatible with the postmining land use and will complement the drainage pattern of the surround terrain. Road reclamation is described in Section 550.

763. Siltation Structures. See Appendix 7-4 for details on removal of siltation structures.

763.100 Siltation Structures will be Maintained. As indicated in Section 761, the sediment pond will remain in place until the stability and vegetation requirements for Phase II Bond Release are met. This will be a minimum of 2 years after the last augmented seeding. At this time, the pond will be removed and the area reclaimed.

763.200 Structure is Removed Upon removal of the sediment pond, the area will be regraded and revegetated in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and Sections 358, 356 and 357.

764. Structure Removal A timetable for reclamation activities is provided in Section 542.100.

765. Permanent Casing and Sealing of Wells There are only three ground water piezometers on the site IPA-1, IPA-2 and IPA-3. They will be reclaimed according to the requirements of the Division's Performance Standards. If any additional wells are required in the future, requirements of this section will be met.

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Appendix 7-3

Probable Hydrologic Consequences Determination

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Probable Hydrologic Consequences Determination

General

The best available data to assist in making a determination of probable hydrologic consequences of the proposed operation comes from the adjacent Horse Canyon Mine, and Columbia Mines. The Columbia Mine has been closed since the late 1960's, and the Horse Canyon Mine has been closed since the mid-1980's. The Horse Canyon Mine has also been reclaimed under SMCRA.

Data gathered from these mines and the surrounding hydrologic regime has been used in this determination, as well as baseline data gathered in the area of the proposed Lila Canyon Mine Extension.

Pertinent water monitoring data for the Horse Canyon Mine and Lila Canyon Extension is included in Appendices 7-1, 7-2, and 7-6 of this application and Appendix VII-1 of the Horse Canyon MRP. Additional recent monitoring data area available from the DOGM electronic database. Baseline geologic information is presented in Chapter 6 of this P.A.P. Baseline hydrologic information is presented in Sections 724.100 and 724.200 of this P.A.P.

Mining in the Horse Canyon area began in the late 1930's. Detailed hydrologic information was first gathered in the late 1970's. It is impossible to precisely describe the area's pre-mining hydrology. The conditions represented by these data help to define the hydrology about the time SMCRA was passed.

Analysis of Data

Potential impacts of coal mining on the quality and quantity of surface and groundwater flow may include:

- Contamination from acid- or toxic-forming materials;
- Increased sediment yield from disturbed areas;
- Increased total dissolved solids concentrations;
- Flooding or stream flow alteration;
- Impacts to groundwater or surface water availability;

- Hydrocarbon contamination from above ground storage tanks or from the use of hydrocarbons in the permit area;
- Contamination of surface and groundwater from road salting; and
- Contamination of surface water from coal spillage due to hauling operations.

Potential Impacts to the Hydrologic Balance. Potential impacts of the Lila Canyon Mine on the hydrologic balance of the permit and adjacent areas are addressed in the following sections:

Acid- or Toxic- Forming Materials. Information on acid-and toxic-forming materials is presented in Chapter 6. These data show that no acid- or toxic-forming materials are present at the Lila Canyon Mine.

Additionally, rocks of the Mesa Verde Group are carbonaceous, resulting in persistence of acids and related toxins in water in the mine and adjacent strata unlikely. Also, the design of the refuse pile will prevent any acid or toxic potential from material removed from the mine. Based upon the hydrology, geology, and climate of the area probability of acid or toxic impacts from materials removed from the mine or from mine water discharge is unlikely. Thus, no significant potential exists for the contamination of surface and groundwater in the permit and adjacent areas by acid- or toxic-forming materials.

Sediment Yield. The potential impact of mining and reclamation on sediment yield is an increase in sediment in the surface waters downstream from disturbed areas. Sediment-control measures (such as sedimentation ponds, diversions, etc.) will be installed to minimize this impact. These facilities will be regularly inspected (see Section 514) and maintained to ensure that they remain in proper operating condition.

The implementation of sediment control measures are mandated to minimize the erosion hazard associated with mining operations. Argument has been presented that reducing the sediment load, while the sediment carrying capacity of the stream remains the same, can result in increased stream bed and stream bank erosion. This would be true, if the flow rate released to the stream remained the same. However, the use of sediment control structures results in the peak flow released from the site to be reduced. Therefore, the sediment carrying capacity of the stream is correspondingly reduced. Additionally, the duration of the lower rate controlled release from the sediment control structures aids in enhancing the

development of vegetation along the stream banks aiding in the additional stabilization of the channel banks and bed. While these impacts are not anticipated, the applicant has agreed to monitor the conditions of the channel downstream of the site for geomorphic and erosional change as a result of mine discharges.

All construction and upgrading activities will be undertaken during periods of dry weather, commencing in late spring and lasting through fall. For both the mining and reclamation periods, it is expected that construction, upgrading, or regrading activities would cause an increase in sediment load to the stream. Temporary sediment controls will be used whenever possible to lessen the impact of construction activities.

Stream buffer zones have been delineated upstream and downstream of the disturbed area of the mine facilities. These buffer zones will aid in ensuring that no disturbance occurs within the area of the unprotected channel.

Sediment yields may increase locally due to subsidence. Subsidence tends to cause a warping or sagging of the surface in the area of the mined out area. Within the stream channel that crosses a subsided area, at the upstream boundary of the subsidence, the stream channel is steepened, resulting in the potential for additional erosion in the steepened reach. As the stream crosses the sagged subsided area, the channel gradient decreases below the pre-subsided slope. This results in increased glides and extended pools in intermittent and perennial streams or areas of increase deposition in ephemeral streams. Subsidence cracks which intersect stream channels with steep gradients could, for a short period of time, result in a local increase in the sediment yield of the stream. However, this sediment increase would also cause the crack to quickly fill, recreating pre-subsidence stream channel conditions. Thus, the potential impact to sediment yield from subsidence in the permit area would be minor and of short duration.

Various sediment-control measures will be implemented during reclamation as the vegetation becomes established. As discussed in Section 542.200 of this P.A.P., these measures will include installation of silt fences and straw-bale dikes in appropriate locations to minimize potential contributions of sediment to the Right Fork of Lila Canyon. These measures will reduce the amount of erosion from the reclaimed areas, thereby precluding adverse impacts to the environment.

Acidity, Total Suspended Solids, and Total Dissolved Solids. Probable impacts of mining and reclamation operations on the acidity and total suspended solids concentrations of surface and groundwater in the permit and adjacent areas were

addressed previously in this section. Since the proposed Lila Canyon Mine has not started, there is no specific data available on Lila mine water. Therefore, quality information was obtained from the adjacent Horse Canyon Mine workings.

Data presented in Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 and summarized in Section 724.100 of this P.A.P. indicate that the TDS concentration of water in the Blackhawk Formation (as measured in inflow to the nearby Horse Canyon Mine) ranged from approximately 1400 to 2400 mg/l and is of the sodium-bicarbonate type. As noted in Section 724.200, the TDS concentration of water in the Right Fork of Lila Canyon is unknown, but likely to be similar to the flows in Horse Canyon Creek which are in the range from 1200 to 1500 mg/l. The dominant ions in this water are calcium and bicarbonate during high-flow periods, whereas the dominant ions during low-flow periods are sodium, magnesium, sulfate, and bicarbonate.

These data suggest that the TDS concentration of water in the Right Fork of Lila Canyon can be expected to increase by a factor of 1.5 for the water discharged from the mine to the drainage. This concentration is similar to concentrations found in other streams along the Book Cliffs are described by Waddell, et. Al. (1986). It should be noted that it is anticipated that the Lila Canyon Mine will use powdered limestone or dolomite (i.e., calcium-magnesium-carbonate) for rock dust. It is not anticipated that gypsum rock dust (calcium-sulfate) will be used in the mine. Hence, dissolution of rock dust by water in the mine should not influence the chemical type of water in the drainage if mine water is discharged to the Right Fork of Lila Canyon.

As indicated in the P.A.P., the total iron and manganese concentrations in discharges from the mine are not significantly elevated to an effect downstream uses. Also, as discussed in Appendix 7-9, the mine water discharge is expected to affect only the 3.4 mile downstream from the mine.

Lila Canyon drainage, as part of the lower Price River basin, is classified according to Section R317-2-13 of the Utah Administrative Code (Standards of Quality for Waters of the State) as a class 2B (secondary contact recreation use), 3C (nongame fish and other aquatic life use), and 4 (agricultural use) water. No TDS standards exist for class 2B and 3C water. The TDS standard for class 4 water is 1,200 mg/l. Hence, if discharges occur from the Lila Canyon Mine to the Right Fork of Lila Canyon, the data indicate that the TDS concentration of these discharges will slightly exceed the agricultural use water-quality standard.

As there is limited agricultural use in the area, this TDS exceedance is not considered significant. The major usable water resources in the area that could potentially be affected are springs and ephemeral channels. These water sources

are used by wildlife and livestock. Most of these sources are locate upstream of the proposed discharge point. Therefore, there would be no impact to these existing sources. Additionally, the quality of water discharge from the mine is expected to be significantly better than the other waters which occurs from the Mancos Shale which downstream agriculture currently uses (TDS ranging from 2200 to 4800 mg/l).

Concerns have been raised that there might be impacts of increased salinity from the solution of salts from the Mancos Shale. While it is likely that a small increase in TDS from salts picked up from the Mancos Shale, this is not expected to be a significant problem. Appendix 7-9 includes a calculation of how far mine discharge of 500 gpm would be expected to flow. This flow rate is thought to be higher than the expected discharge amount, but it does provide a worse case estimate. Because of infiltration, evapotranspiration, and diversion runoff from the channel to which the mine discharges to a stock pond, the mine discharge is not expected to reach the Price River. Therefore, it is not expected that any salinity increase would affect downstream waters.

It should also be noted that the dissolved iron standard for class 3C water is 1.0 mg/l. No dissolved iron standard exists for class 2B or 4 waters. The data presented above indicate that potential discharge water from the mine will not exceed the dissolved iron standard of Lila Canyon. No standards exist in the R317 regulations for total iron, dissolved manganese, or total manganese. However, the data presented above indicate that potential discharges from the mine to the Right Fork of Lila Canyon will meet the effluent limitations of 40 CFR 434.

No hydrologic impacts have been noted at the adjacent Horse Canyon Mine due to subsidence. Although tension cracks may locally divert water into deeper formations, resulting in increased leaching of the formation and increased TDS concentrations, the potential of this occurring is considered minimal. This conclusion is based on experience at the Horse Canyon Mine and on the fact that the shale content of the North Horn Formation, the Price River Formation, and the Blackhawk Formation should cause these subsidence cracks to heal quickly where they are saturated by groundwater flow. Thus, potential impacts on TDS concentrations would be minor and not of significant concern.

Flooding or Streamflow Alteration. Runoff from all disturbed areas will flow through a sedimentation pond or other sediment-control device prior to discharge to the Right Fork of Lila Canyon. Three factors indicate that these sediment-control devices will minimize or preclude flooding impacts to downstream areas as a result of mining operations:

1. The sedimentation pond has been designed and will be constructed to be geotechnically stable. Thus, the potential is minimized for breaches of the sedimentation pond to occur that could cause downstream flooding.

2. The flow routing that occurs through the sedimentation pond and other sediment-control devices reduces peak flows from the disturbed areas. This precludes flooding impacts to downstream areas.

3. By retaining sediment on site in the sediment-control devices, the bottom elevations of the Right Fork of Lila Canyon downstream from the disturbed area will not be artificially raised. Thus, the hydraulic capacity of the stream channel will not be altered.

The volume of streamflow will increase in the Right Fork of Lila Canyon if water is discharged from the mine to the drainage. Potential impacts to the drainage channel could include the displacement of fines on the channel bottom, and minor widening of the channel. However, the degree of widening will likely be minimized by the increased vigor and quantity of vegetation which will be sustained along the stream channel by the increased availability of water. In particular, it is anticipated that a phreatophyte streambank vegetative community will develop as a result of mine-water discharges. This effect will occur for the distance downstream that surface flows can be sustained above channel transmission losses. Based on the maximum anticipated estimate of mine water discharge, it is unlikely that any flooding will occur to the downstream channel as the flow (1.1cfs) is significantly below the anticipated 2-year flood (37 cfs). Care will be taken during discharge of this water to avoid erosion at the discharge point or flooding of downstream areas. Once mining ceases, the mine will be sealed and no discharges will occur. The streamflow in the Right Fork of Lila Canyon will then return to pre-mining discharge levels.

Following reclamation, stream channels which have been altered by mining operations will be returned to a stable state (see Section 762.100). The reclamation channels have been designed to safely pass the peak flow resulting from the 10-year, 6-hour or the 100-year, 6-hour precipitation event as appropriate for the channel and in accordance with the R645 regulations. Thus, flooding in the reclaimed areas will be minimized. Interim sediment-control measures and maintenance of the reclaimed areas during the post-mining period will preclude deposition of significant amounts of sediment in downstream channels following reclamation, thus maintaining the hydraulic capacity of the channels and precluding adverse, off-site flooding impacts.

Subsidence tension cracks that appear on the surface will increase the secondary porosity of the formations overlying the Lila Canyon Mine. During the period prior to healing of these cracks, this increased percolation will decrease runoff during the high-flow season (when the water would have rapidly entered the stream channel rather than flowing into the groundwater system). During low-flow periods, the result of this increased percolation will be an increase in the base flow of the stream. Hence, the net result will be a decrease in the flooding potential of the affected stream.

An additional flooding issue is the potential for flooding of the mine following mining and the discharge of water from the portals. Since the regional geology and hydrologic regimes of the Horse Canyon and Lila Canyon Mines are so similar, data has been extrapolated from the Horse Canyon Mine to the proposed Lila Canyon Mine. The proposed Lila Canyon Mine portals are located up-dip from areas in the mine where water may be expected; therefore, the only mine water expected to reach the surface is that which is pumped. Mine water is not expected to reach the portal level or flow from the reclaimed portal level or flow from the reclaimed portals of either the reclaimed Horse Canyon Mine or the Lila Canyon Mine based on the following information:

1) Mine water level information gathered in 1986 and 1993 indicates that there has been little rise in the water level since mining activities ceased.

2) The Sunnyside Fault is not a large producer of water. As an example, the Columbia Mine located north of the Horse Canyon Mine also encountered the Sunnyside Fault zone and has been closed since the late 1960's. If water inflow rates were high, the mine workings would have flooded, developing a head differential between the Columbia Mine and the Horse Canyon Mine (pumped). If the fault zone were a good conductor of water, the inflow to the Horse Canyon Mine would have been high, driven by the head from the flooded Columbia Mine Workings. However this was not the case and the water levels have not flooded much beyond the water levels in the Horse Canyon Mine while it was pumped. Suggesting that there is no head to cause a flooding rise and that the Sunnyside Fault is not a significant conduit for water flow.

3) Sieler and Baskins (1986) showed that the water quality for natural waters generally drops significantly when exposed to

mine workings (gob, etc). The water quality of the mine water samples from the Horse Canyon Mine sump locations (2 Dip, Main Slope, 2E-B) as compared to the water quality of springs in the lower stratigraphic section of the Horse Canyon permit area show little difference in TDS. This indicates that majority of the water in the mine is not the result of inflow along the fault zone from the Columbia Mine. Suggesting that the fault zone is a poor conductor of water for the poorer quality water expected from the flooded Columbia Mine workings or that the Columbia Mine workings have not flooded much beyond the water levels in the Horse Canyon Mine while it was pumped.

4) The three Piezometers, IPA-1, 2 and 3 shown on Plate 7-1, suggest that the gradient is down dip away from the portal area. The Piezometer readings can be found in Appendix 7-1.

5) The coal mined at Horse Canyon (as well as that at Lila Canyon) is underlain by a marine sheet sandstone (Sunnyside, see Geology, Chapter VI). Lines (1985) did extensive petrographic work on porosity and permeability in the formation (see Table 1). If the water level in the mine were to ever approach the level of the portal, the Sunnyside marine sandstone would likely discharge water, preventing any head development behind the portal closures.

6) Much of the Horse Canyon Mine floor has been fractured by the effects of pillar removal, especially near the outcrop. Fracturing develops secondary porosity and enhances the permeability of the underlying Sunnyside marine sandstone. This would function as a means to dissipate any head which might otherwise develop on the portals. The proposed longwall mining in the Lila Canyon Mine is also expected to produce floor fracturing.

7) There is a difference in elevation of about 400 to 500 feet between the lowest portal and the approximate water level in the Horse Canyon mine (1986 and 1993). If the water level in the mine continues to rise, the head differential between the discharging aquifer and the mine will decrease. The

decrease in head will have the direct effect of decreasing the inflow rate into the mine. Additionally, the volume of water required to "fill the mine" would also have to fill the strata above the mine, which has been dewatered throughout the history of the mine.

Based on these factors it is unlikely that the groundwater level in the lower groundwater zone will ever rise to the level of the portal, at any portal location for either the Horse Canyon or Lila Canyon Mines. Hence, there should be no natural discharge of groundwater through any of the sealed portals. To verify this, stand pipes will be incorporated into the grading plans for the portals so that water levels can be checked annually.

Groundwater and Surface Water Availability. Potential impacts to the availability of surface and groundwater from the Lila Canyon Mine operations include both decreased and increased stream flows and spring discharges caused by mine-related subsidence, bedrock fracturing, and aquifer dewatering. These potential impacts are discussed below.

Potential for Decreased Spring and Stream Flows

To date, while surface subsidence has been identified as a result of coal mining in the nearby Horse Canyon Mine, no impact or disruption of spring and seep of stream flows have been identified. Bedrock fracturing routinely occurs, depending on the overburden thickness, in the rock units overlying mined coal seams. Given the limited number of springs and limited groundwater resources of the Castlegate Sandstone and Blackhawk Formations in the permit and adjacent areas, subsidence or fracturing would affect the hydrologic balance in the area only if zones of increased vertical hydraulic conductivity were created which extended through the Price River Formation into the North Horn-Flagstaff and Colton Formations.

When subsidence occurs as a result of mining, there are four zones that occur above the mined out area. As shown in Figure 1, the zones are: a caved zone that occurs in the 6 to 10 times the thickness of the coal seam, a fractured zone which occurs 10 to 30 time the thickness of the coal seam, and deformation zone which occurs 30 to 60 time the thickness of the coal seam, and finally, a soil zone which occurs on the ground surface. Damage to surface and groundwater resources generally occur in the caved and fractured zones. Little or no damage occurs in the deformed zone. With only localized effects felt in the soil zone. As discussed in Section 525.120, the strains for the rock in the proposed mine area,

as a result of mining, should limit subsidence deformation to those areas where the overburden is less than 450 feet.

Where surface disruption or cracks appear, the general mechanism is extension of the soil mantle. Natural processes will heal these crack over time. Runoff and snowmelt will wash sediments into the crack and fill any voids created. As this process progresses, the crack disappear and the surface runoff and snowmelt return to normal courses. In the Wasatch Plateau and Book Cliffs area, the clays in the area are expansive and tend to seal these cracks very rapidly. Sidel, et.al. (1996) found that minor surface changes in the area of Burnout Creek recovered within two years.

Several lines of evidence suggest that mining-related subsidence and bedrock fracturing have not resulted in decreased stream flows or groundwater discharge in the vicinity of the nearby Horse Canyon Mine. Although considerable seasonal and climatic variability are noted in the hydrographs of springs in the permit and adjacent areas, data for both Horse Canyon Creek and springs which overlie the Horse Canyon Mine workings do not show discharge declines which may be attributed to either subsidence or bedrock fracturing (see Appendices 7-1 and 7-6).

Active groundwater systems in the Colton, Flagstaff-North Horn, and Price River Formations are separated from the Blackhawk Formation by the Castlegate Sandstone. As discussed in Section 724.100, this formation contains no springs and is not considered to be a major groundwater resource. Past mining in the Horse Canyon Mine has not increased the rate of spring discharge from the Price River Formation, indicating that groundwater is not being diverted into this formation. The absence of increased saturation in the Price River Formation indicates that vertical zones of artificially-increased hydraulic conductivity or secondary porosity do not extend into the Price River Formation and from thence into the overlying active groundwater systems of the North Horn-Flagstaff Formations.

Data presented in Appendices 7-1 and 7-6 and summarized in Section 724.100 indicate that the low-permeability lower groundwater system, in the vicinity of mined coal seams, contains groundwater which is compartmentalized both vertically and horizontally. Coal mining locally dewaters isolated, overlying saturated rock layers in the Blackhawk Formation but does not appear to draw significant additional recharge from overlying or underlying zones.

Additionally, the springs which supply most of the local flow discharge from the Flagstaff-North Horn or Colton Formations. These formations or aquifer are

perched from the underlying lower groundwater zone and the intervening formations contains swelling clays which tend to heal small fractures. Also, since the perched aquifer materials are isolated and lenticular, there is a greater probability that fractures in one area will not drain all the different perched aquifers because they are not interconnected.

The very low permeability and vertical gradients in Blackhawk Formation rock layers underlying actively mined coal seams in the Horse Canyon Mine and the absence of significant discharge into the mine from these layers indicates that mining does not draw groundwater from the underling portions of the Blackhawk and Mancos Shale. Additionally, the distinctive solute composition of Mancos Shale groundwater has not been observed inside the Horse Canyon Mine indicating that the saturated zones in the Blackhawk and Mancos are separate.

From the above discussion, it appears that the Horse Canyon Mine has not decreased groundwater discharge in overlying or underlying groundwater systems. Hence, it is unlikely that coal mining will effect the discharges of any spring as a result of mining in the Lila Canyon permit and adjacent areas.

As discussed in Section 724.200, as a result of the five to six miles horizontal distance from proposed permit area to Range Creek (see Plate 7-1a) and the isolating effects of the over 1,000 feet of low-permeability, isolating strata between the coal seam and the creek elevation (see Plate 7-1B and Table above) and the limited potential and impact of subsidence damage to the recharge area, it is not likely that the Lila Canyon Mine will adversely effect Range Creek. Due to these conditions, no baseline or other sampling has been gathered nor is anticipated on Range Creek. For the above reasons Lila Canyon extension does not present any Probable Hydrologic Consequences to Range Creek.

The contamination, diminution, or interruption of any water resources would not likely occur within the mine permit or adjacent areas. Since surface water flows only a limited part of year and will be provided protection by use of sediment controls, the major usable water resources that could potentially be effected in the area would be springs that are currently in use by wildlife and livestock. Most of these springs are located upstream of the permit area or are in areas where subsidence resulting from post-1977 mining is not documented or expected. To date no known depletion of flow and quality of surveyed springs in the Horse Canyon permit area exists, and none are expected in the Lila Canyon area, based on available data from the Horse Canyon Mine. Although pre-mining data is not available for Horse Canyon, depletion problems from subsidence are not known to have been filed and are not indicated by sampling

results in Appendices 7-1 and 7-2. Therefore, it is unlikely an alternative water supply will be needed, although they have been identified in Section R645-301-727.

L-16-G and L-17-G are seeps being monitored in Stinky Spring Canyon. These two seeps appear to be an important source of water for Bighorn sheep specifically in the early spring.

Flows from these springs are historically less than 0.5 gpm and show a general seasonal decrease throughout the season. These sites were not identified during baseline surveys and are believed to exist intermittently and are not always evident. The low flow rates and intermittent nature of these springs suggest that they are local in nature.

These springs are located within the Central Graben, which is a block that has been downdropped between 145 and 250 feet relative to the adjacent bedrock. They occur near the contact between the Mancos Shale and the overlying Blackhawk Formation. The fractured nature of the bedrock along the edges of the Central Graben, as a result of the faulting, likely are the limits of the areal extent of the recharge or source area to the springs. The low-permeability of the surrounding Mancos Shale likely isolate the graben block from groundwater in the surrounding bedrock. Thus, the recharge to the springs is likely limited to the area of the consolidated graben block.

As indicated previously, there is no evidence that mining in the Horse Canyon Mine had any influence on the underlying formations. Therefore it is likely that the Lila Canyon Mine would have similar affects. Due to the springs location and lateral separation from the mine, outside the permit area, outside the limit of subsidence, being separated from the mine block by faulting within the Central Graben, and being 500 to 600 feet below the coal seam, there is no potential for Lila Canyon Mine to negatively impact this spring or recharge sources.

Potential for Increased Stream Flows

If sufficient water is encountered in the Lila Canyon Mine workings to require discharge of that water to the surface, the flow of the Right fork of Lila Canyon will be increased. This flow would be ultimately to the Price and Green Rivers. The impact of such discharge by the development of the Lila canyon extension would be quite limited.

The majority of water discharged from the mine would be water held in storage in the saturated zones above the coal seam. It is unlikely that any water below the coal seam would be affected or drained by the mine workings.

It is difficult to estimate the maximum potential discharge from the mine, however, DOGM has determined that a maximum discharge rate of 500 gpm should be used for design purposes. Based on this discharge, during the life of the operation the water extracted would be 22,600 ac-ft of water. This would be approximately 800 ac-ft per year. Discharge for the Price River at Woodside has a mean annual flow of 88,000 ac-ft/yr. Discharge for the Green River at Green River has a mean annual flow of 4,484,000 ac-ft/yr. Therefore the average discharge at 500 gpm from the mine would be 0.9% of the Price River flow volume and 0.02% of the Green River flow volume. Given the standard fluctuations in the stream flows, this small flow addition would have little effect on the streams.

It should be emphasized that the 500 gpm estimate is considered to be conservatively high. The adjacent Horse Canyon Mine had a maximum discharge of 90 gpm. While the Soldier Canyon Mine farther to the north in the Book Cliffs, the rate of water discharged was estimated to be 15,000,000 gallons per year (approximately 30 gpm).

If water does need to be discharged, it will be sampled and discharged in accordance with the approved UPDES Discharge Permit. If the quality parameters of the mine water do not meet UPDES standards, the water will be treated prior to discharge. Treatment may include holding/settling in the mine, pumping to retaining or sediment ponds, chemical treatment or other approved means to prevent non-compliant discharge.

Based on the results of the evaluation presented in Appendix 7-9, the discharge of this amount of water from the mine is not expected to have a significant impact on the downstream resources. Based on the results from Appendix 7-9, the mine discharge flow will be lost due to transmission losses and percolation within 3.4 miles from the discharge point. Therefore, the discharge will not reach the Price, Green, or Colorado Rivers. The discharge of the water will have a positive impact on the vegetation and wildlife of the area by providing a fairly constant supply of water along this limited reach of the channel.

Based on comparison of upstream and downstream data gathered on Horse Canyon Creek which incorporates the analysis from past mine discharges to the channel, water quality will not be drastically affected in the intermittent drainage in the event of discharge of mine water into the channel. The expected impacts

to the channels of the Lila Canyon area are very likely to be similar to those at Horse Canyon due to the close proximity, and similarities of mining and drainage conditions.

Potential Hydrocarbon Contamination. Diesel fuel, oils, greases, and other hydrocarbon products will be stored and used at the site for a variety of purposes. Diesel and oil stored in above-ground tanks at the mine surface facilities may spill onto the ground during filling of the storage tank, leakage of the storage tank, or filling of vehicle tanks. Similarly, greases and other oils may be spilled during use in surface and underground operations.

The probable future extent of the contamination caused by diesel and oil spillage is expected to be small for three reasons. First, because the tanks will be located above ground, leakage from the tanks will be readily detected and repaired. Second, spillage during filling of the storage or vehicle tanks will be minimized to avoid loss of an economically valuable product. Finally, the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan which will be developed for the site will provide inspection, training, and operation measures to minimize the extent of contamination resulting from the use of hydrocarbons at the site. This plan is not required to be submitted. However, a copy will be maintained at the mine site as required by the Utah Division of Water Quality.

Road Salting. No salting of roads will occur within the permit area. Hence, this impact is not a significant concern.

Coal Haulage. Coal will be hauled over the county road from the mine portal area to Utah Highway 6 and thence to its ultimate destination. In the event of an accident which causes coal to spill from the trucks, residual coal following cleanup of the spill may wash into local streams during a runoff event. Possible impacts to the surface water are increased total suspended solids concentrations and turbidity from the fine coal particulates. The probability of a spill occurring in an area sufficiently close to a stream channel to introduce coal to the stream bed is considered small.

In addition to spills, wind may carry coal dust or small pieces of coal from the open top of the coal trucks into drainages near the roads. The impact from fugitive coal dust is considered to be insignificant due to the small amounts lost during haulage in the permit and adjacent areas.

Water Consumption. The USFWS have identified that water consumption by underground coal mining operations could jeopardize the continued existence of

and/or adversely modify the critical habitat of the Colorado River endangered fish species: Colorado pikeminnow, humpback chub, bonytailed chub, and razor back sucker. The USFWS has determined that water consumption by underground operations could potentially have adverse effects on the Colorado River basin. The USFWS considers consumption to include: evaporation from ventilation, coal preparation, sediment pond evaporation, subsidence on springs, alluvial aquifer abstractions into mines, postmining inflow to workings, coal moisture loss, and direct diversions. These consumption process are discussed below.

Bath House/Office
It has been estimated that the Bath House/Office will consume approximately 35 gallon per day per person for shower and human consumption. This estimate results in a usage of 1,260,000 gal/yr or 3.86 ac.ft.yr.

Evaporation from Ventilation - evaporation rates have been estimated at 2.5 gallons per million cubic feet of ventilated air. This number is dependent on temperature and relative humidity. It is estimated that with the projected usage of 473,040 million cf/yr of air and a loss of 2.5 gallons per million c.f. Therefore, the water consumption for evaporation would be approximately 1,183,600 gallons per year or 3.63 acre feet of water.

Coal Preparation - The operator does not anticipate any coal preparation that would result in water usage.

Sediment Pond Evaporation - The sediment pond is used to hold rain and snow runoff that flows over disturbed areas of the coal mining and reclamation operations until accumulated sediment has dropped out. At that point the water is discharged into a receiving stream. The holding time for this water is planned to be short, therefore, no significant evaporation loss is expected. This would not be considered a consumption mechanism.

Subsidence on Springs - As shown in Appendix 7-8 and discussed in Section 525.120 of the application, the majority of springs cannot be adversely effected by subsidence because of their physical location (off the permit area and outside the area of potential subsidence) or for those within the permit area because of the amount of cover, 1000 feet or more, which as discussed in Section 525.120 are not expected to experience any significant deformation for covers over 450 feet. In the adjacent Horse Canyon mine, which was mined for over 45 years, there have been no reported effects on springs due to subsidence.

Alluvial Aquifer Abstractions into Mines - There will be no water infiltrations from alluvial systems into the mine.

Postmining Inflow to Workings - Postmining all openings will be sealed and backfilled. The proposed mine openings for Lila Canyon are at an elevation where no surface inflow is possible. This coupled with the sealing plan for the portals makes postmining inflows virtually impossible.

Coal Moisture Loss - It has been estimated that coal moisture loss or usage to be estimated at 4.5 gallons per ton of coal mined (see Table 2). Using the estimated usage for mining with an estimated production of 4.5 Million tons per year a usage of 20,250,000 gal per year or 62.12 acre feet can be estimated. It should be noted that due to the extremely low hydraulic conductivity rates measured in the general area, that groundwater movement is very slow. Using the average hydraulic conductivity measured for Blackhawk Sandstone (3.0×10^{-6} cm/sec) (see Table 1) which is equal to .1 inch per day. Therefore, water encountered underground would take approximately 1,736 years to travel one mile. This water is considered relatively immobile. The water encountered and used underground would not reach the Colorado Drainage in any reasonable time, if ever, and thus water consumed underground cannot negatively effect the Colorado River Basin.

Surface Dust Suppression It has been estimated that usage on the surface for dust suppression will be approximately 10,000 gallon per day or 3,650,000 gallons per year. This results in a usage of 11.20 acre feet per year.

Direct Diversions - no consumption.

Adding the four losses due to mining equals to 80.81 acre feet which is below the mitigation level of 100 acre feet. UEI does hold 362.76 acre feet of underground water rights to offset any consumption. Therefore, it is the opinion of UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. that water consumption by underground coal mining operation will NOT jeopardize the existence of or adversely modify the critical habitat of the Colorado River endangered fish species.

Conclusion

Based on available data and expected mining conditions, the proposed mining and reclamation activity is not expected to proximately result in contamination, diminution or interruption of an underground or surface source of water within

the proposed permit or adjacent areas which is used for domestic, agricultural, industrial, wildlife or other legitimate purpose.

It should be noted that the determination of no known depletion of flow or quality is based on available data, which is primarily post-mining.

Table 2 Projected Water Usage (Quantitative Water Consumption Impact Assessment)	
1- Bath House/Office a. 150 @ 35 gpd/ea. = 5250 x 240	1,260,000 gal./yr.
2- Mining(Coal moisture loss) a. 2 Sections (1) 4.5 M Ton @ 4.5 gal./ton	20,250,000 gal./yr.
3- Fan (Evaporation from ventilation) a. Evaporation (1) 900,000 cfm @ 473,040 M cf/yr. (2) 2.5 gal./M c.f.	1,183,600gal./yr.
4. Surface Dust Suppression 10,000 gallon per day	3,650,000 gal/yr.
Total Usage	26,343,600 gal./yr. (80.81 ac.ft./yr.)

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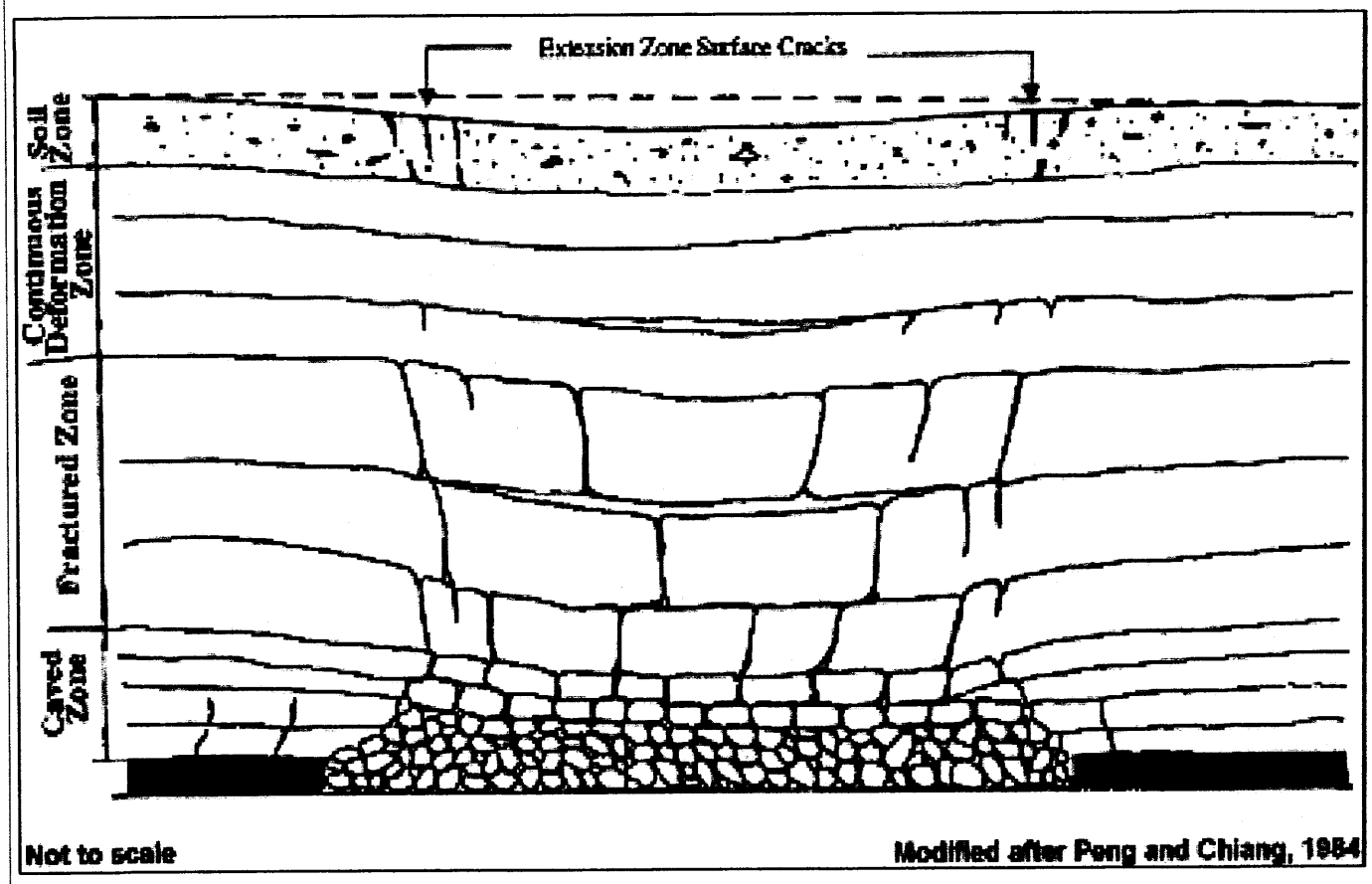

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FIGURE 1. SUBSIDENCE PROFILE

APPENDIX 7-11

IPA Piezometer Sampling Information

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IPA HOLES DRILLED FOR WATER-LEVEL MEASUREMENTS ONLY

In late 1993 and early 1994, Intermountain Power Agency (IPA) drilled three coal exploration holes that were completed as water level piezometers for the South Lease Coal Property in northeast Emery County, Utah.

The exploration holes were drilled to gather information about the physical and chemical qualities of the coal contained within the IPA South Leases and afterwards to obtain water-level measurements. The coal quality holes were completed to allow for the gathering of water-level measurements only. There was never any intention of collecting water quality data from the three exploration holes.

The completion reports were submitted to the BLM, as required by regulation, on December 16, 1998. The completion reports clearly state "Each drill hole was completed as a monitoring well to allow collection of water-level measurements." The completion report go on to state "Periodic water-level depth measurements are subtracted from the surveyed wellhead elevations to facilitate development of potentiometric surface contour maps." (See Exhibit A)

The permit application clearly states in Chapter 7 "The piezometers were installed to provide depth of water only. It is impossible to drop a bailer 1,000 feet and withdraw a water sample without contaminating the sample. . . . Therefore the depth and diameter of the piezometers holes make it impossible to use them for baseline quality." (see Exhibit

B)

Two methods, pumping, and use of a bailer, are commonly used to obtain water samples for quality analysis.

Pumping (not an option)

To obtain a water quality sample by pumping, a pump must be inserted to the bottom of the well, so that the entire water volume within the well bore can be purged a minimum of 3 times to obtain a representative sample of water from the water bearing zone. In the case of the IPA piezometers, a steel casing with a 2-3/8-inch inside diameter and a 20-foot length of 2-inch inside diameter wire-wound stainless steel screen was used to complete each well. This limits the size of pump to less than 2" diameter.

All IPA holes have a bottom depth of greater than 1,000 feet. In the case of IPA #1, the deepest well, a pump would have to be less than 2" in diameter and capable of pumping a maximum of 1,730 feet of head (See Exhibit C-1 and D). To adequately purge the standing water in the well the volume of water standing in the well casing plus the volume of water within the surrounding gravel pack would need to be removed. Based on standard sampling protocol, to properly purge IPA #1 a minimum of 3 volumes would need to be extracted. For this well, that volume would be 879.5 gallons (see Exhibit D).

Based on information that the Division provided regarding a possible 2-inch diameter sampling pump, on December 16, 2005, the Operator contacted Evan Bennett

who is the son of the owner of Bennett Pumps, of Amarillo Texas. Mr. Bennett told the Operator that "they do not make a 2" pump that will pump 1700 feet of head, 1000 feet is maximum". Further more, Mr. Bennett was "not aware of any manufacture who builds a small-diameter pump that will pump any deeper that 1,000 feet".

Exhibit E shows the pump curve for the Bennett pumps. This curve represents the head that water can lifted too. However, it does not account for head losses in the discharge line. As can be seen, the Bennett pump will lift water to 1175 feet with 0 flow. Once the friction and connector losses within the discharge line are accounted for, the effective head limit on the pump is 1,000 feet.

The depth to water in IPA#1 is 1100+ feet. Therefore, the pump would not even lift the water to the ground surface, much less be able to purge the well bore. In the case of IPA #3, the shallowest of all the wells, a pump could reach the water and lift a very limited flow to the surface. Based on the pump curve and accounting for friction losses in the pipe the flow rate would be about 0.1 gpm. Therefore, to be able of purge this well, the pump would need to operate continuously for a minimum of 8.3 days, before a sample could be obtained. From a sampling stand point this is impractical.

Additional research was conducted by the Operator to determine if any other pumps or sampling equipment were available. Exhibit F lists the groundwater monitoring and sampling equipment available from a number of manufacturers and vendors for various sampling options. Based on this research, no manufacturer, supplier, or vendor provides

a pump that will be able to meet the sampling requirements.

Additionally, the sampling equipment for this system would make the sampling effort impractical. Access to these wells is limited to the use of ATV to prevent significant disturbance to the site area. The tubing for the sampler is provided on 500 foot rolls each weighing 300 pounds. To be able to sample these wells UAE would need a minimum of 4 rolls with a power winch to be able to lift the pump and tubing into and out of the holes. Based on the weight and bulk of the equipment it would not be practical to utilize this setup to sample the wells.

Thus, pumping to obtain a water quality sample from these wells is not considered a viable option.

Bailer (not an option)

Water-Quality Sampling Protocol recommends that if possible avoid a bailer (see Exhibit G). In the case of IPA #1, the use of a 48" bailer to purge the required volume would be the worst-case situation. The sampling efforts would require dropping and retrieving a bailer 14,658 times at an average depth of 1,420 feet (see Exhibit "D"). This would amount to lifting 21,797 lbs over 1,420 feet. This is impractical for a sampling effort.

Additionally, there are two problems with this method of sampling. First, the use of a bailer in a well that is constructed with steel casing for which you a sampling for iron will lead to contamination problems. As the bailer is lowered and raised within the well, it will

hit the side of the casing an knock off rust that has formed on the inside of the casing from water drips off of the bailer from previous sampling. This rust will either collect in the bailer or fall into the standing water in the well, thereby contaminating the sample. Second, the rust particles which collect in the bailer will over time collect near the bottom seat valve of the bailer and preclude it from closing completely. When this occurs, when the bailer is removed from the water, the bailed sample will drain out before the bailer can reach the surface.

Based on these contamination and mechanical problems and the sheer volume of the bailing effort, the use of a bailer to obtain water quality information for these conditions is not considered a viable option.

As discussed in Chapter 7, adequate ground water information exists without quality information from the IPA piezometers. A minimum of two years of baseline groundwater information has been collected by the Permittee on 10 springs on and adjacent to the permit area. In-mine ground water and mine water discharge samples from the Horse Canyon Mine have been collected. Mine water discharge samples have been collected for a minimum of two years on a monthly basis from sites 001 and 002. Two years of in-mine ground water samples were collected from underground sample site 1E2 : 1E-B. Two full years of ground water samples were taken from the underground sump at 2E-B (Results can be found in VI-1 of Part "A"). As this water is from the same seam as will be mined in the Lila Canyon Mine, these samples represent the same water quality.

Early in the Lila Canyon Mine sequence, the mine will breach the existing flooded exploration entries. It is from these entries that the mine water will be obtained for use in the mining process at Lila Canyon. The quality of the water in the exploration entries is the same water as was sampled from the in-mine sites. Thus, the water encountered in the Lila Mine, is expected to be consistent with the quality of the underground water found at sites 1E2, 1E-B, 001, 002, and 2E-B.

Exhibit "A"

2.6 Construction of Monitoring Wells

Each drill hole was completed as a monitoring well to allow collection of water-level measurements. Steel casing with a 2-3/8-inch inside diameter and a 20-foot length of 2-inch inside diameter wire-wound stainless steel screen was used to complete each well.

Based on previous drilling experience in the area and the grain size of the rock in the screened interval, a 20- to 40-mesh silica sand filter-pack and 0.010-inch screen aperture was selected for installation in the wells. The screens were installed 40 to 100 feet below the Sunnyside coal seam.

After placement of the screen and casing, the filter pack was emplaced through a one-inch diameter tremie pipe. The sand was poured slowly into the tremie pipe and washed into the hole with water to prevent bridging in the pipe. Sufficient material was emplaced to extend the filter-pack approximately 15 feet above the top of each screen. Bentonite slurry was then emplaced via tremie pipe to a thickness of about 5 feet on top of the filter pack. The remainder of the annulus between the drill hole wall and the casing was then sealed with neat cement grout with approximately 5 percent bentonite added to reduce shrinkage.

The wells were drilled and sealed in a manner which minimizes disturbance of the prevailing hydrologic balance. Lockable surface casings were installed to protect the integrity of the wells. Well completion diagrams are contained in Appendix C.

After drilling and completion, each well was surveyed with GPS equipment to provide horizontal and vertical control. Periodic water-level depth measurements are subtracted from the surveyed wellhead elevations to facilitate development of potentiometric surface contour maps.

Exhibit "B"

for the South Lease by I.P.A. Monitoring of water depths at these points by UtahAmerican commenced in December 2000 and continued through present. As indicated by the data in Appendix 7-1, the water levels in the holes show very little fluctuation. Levels change from less than 1.2' to a maximum of 21.2' over an eight year monitoring period. Figure 7-2A and 7-2B present the seasonal fluctuations of the water levels as contour maps and hydrographs. Using these water levels, an estimate of the projected water level assuming that the zones from the individual piezometers are connected is shown on Plate 7-1 and the monitoring results are included in Appendix 7-1 - Baseline Monitoring.

The piezometers were installed to provide depth of water only. It is impossible to drop a bailer 1000 feet and withdraw a water sample without contaminating the sample Therefore the depth and diameter of the piezometers holes make it impossible to use them for baseline quality.

Drill holes S-26, S-27, S-28, and S-31 were cased in 3" PVC pipe with bottom perforations for water monitoring; however, cement seals were faulty, allowing the PVC pipe to fill with cement. Drill hole S-26 was reported dry in the week prior to cementing.

It has been reported by Kaiser that holes within one and one-quarter miles east of the cliff face were drilled with air, mist and foam and did not detect any water in the subsurface with the exception of drill hole S-32. No apparent increase in fluid level could be attributed to groundwater inflow from these holes, some of which were open for two weeks. Exploration drill holes in the South Lease property south of Williams Draw did not encounter groundwater within 1 to 1.25 miles of the coal outcrop. Exploration drill holes in the South Lease property, south of Williams Draw, did not encounter groundwater within 1 to 1.25 miles of the coal outcrop.

S-32 is located approximately three miles south of Lila Canyon and is separated from Lila by at least two known fault systems. The drill log along with the Chronology of Development and Pump tests are included in Appendix 6-1. Water levels measured are shown in the `"Chronology of Development". Water quality analysis for S-32 is also included in Appendix 6-1. The location of S-32 is shown on Plate 7-1. The Permittee visited S-32 in 2002 and attempted to measure water levels, but found that piezometer S-32 was unusable.

Spring and Seep Data. JBR Consultants Group (1986) conducted a spring and seep inventory of the Horse Canyon area during the fall of 1985. During

Exhibit C-1

IPA-1.DWG UC0391-03 12/98

H_2O Elevation 3/29/05 1110.88

Pump depth = 1730 Feet

water column 1730'
1111'
619' = 142.42 gallons

3 x 142.4 = 427 Gallons

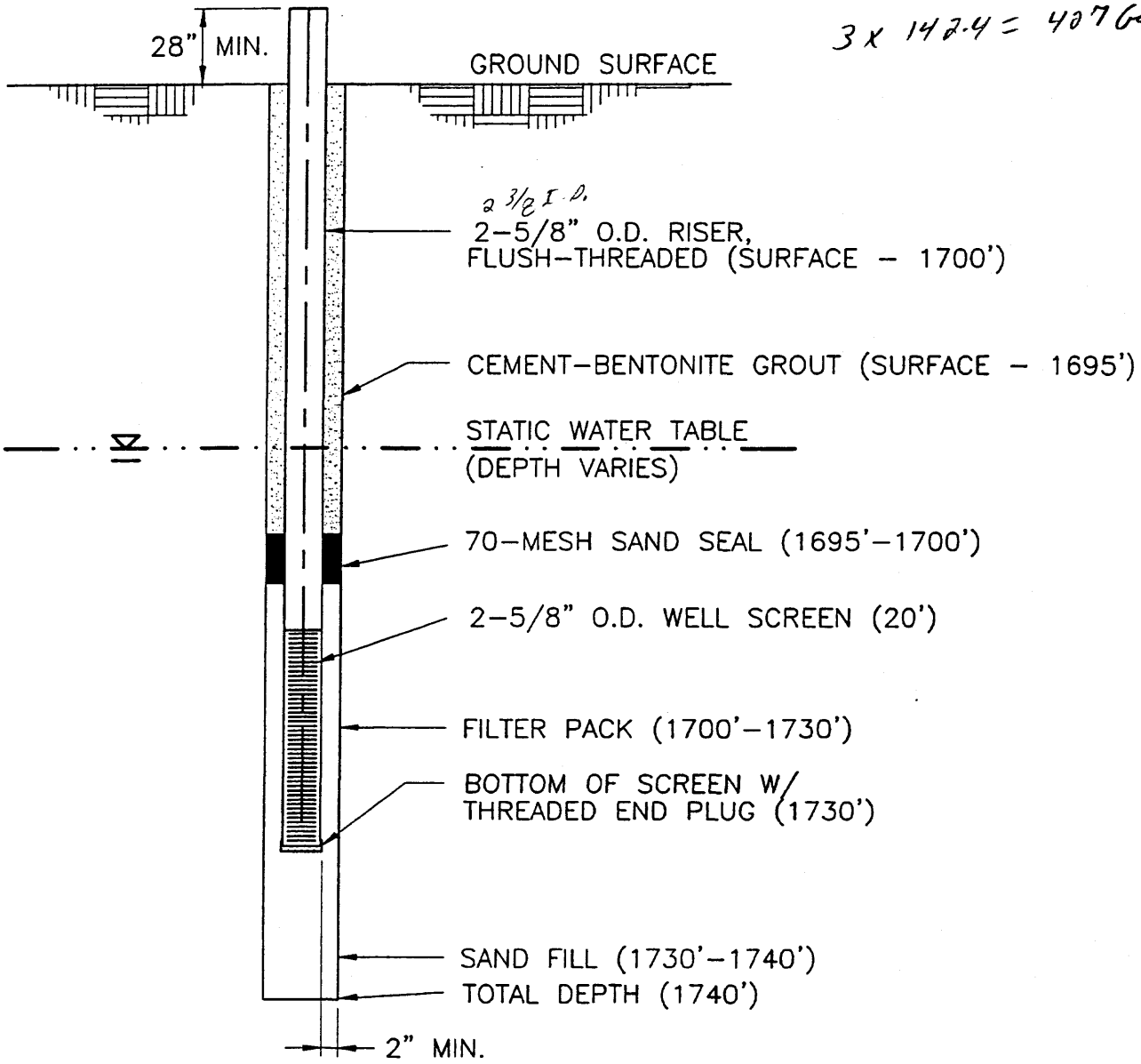

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FIGURE 1. IPA-1 COMPLETION DIAGRAM

Exhibit C-2

IPA-2.DWG UC0391-03 12/98

H_2O Elevation 3/09/05 900.38

water column = 1177
900
277 Feet = 64 gallons

Pump depth = 1177 Feet 3*64 = 191 gallons

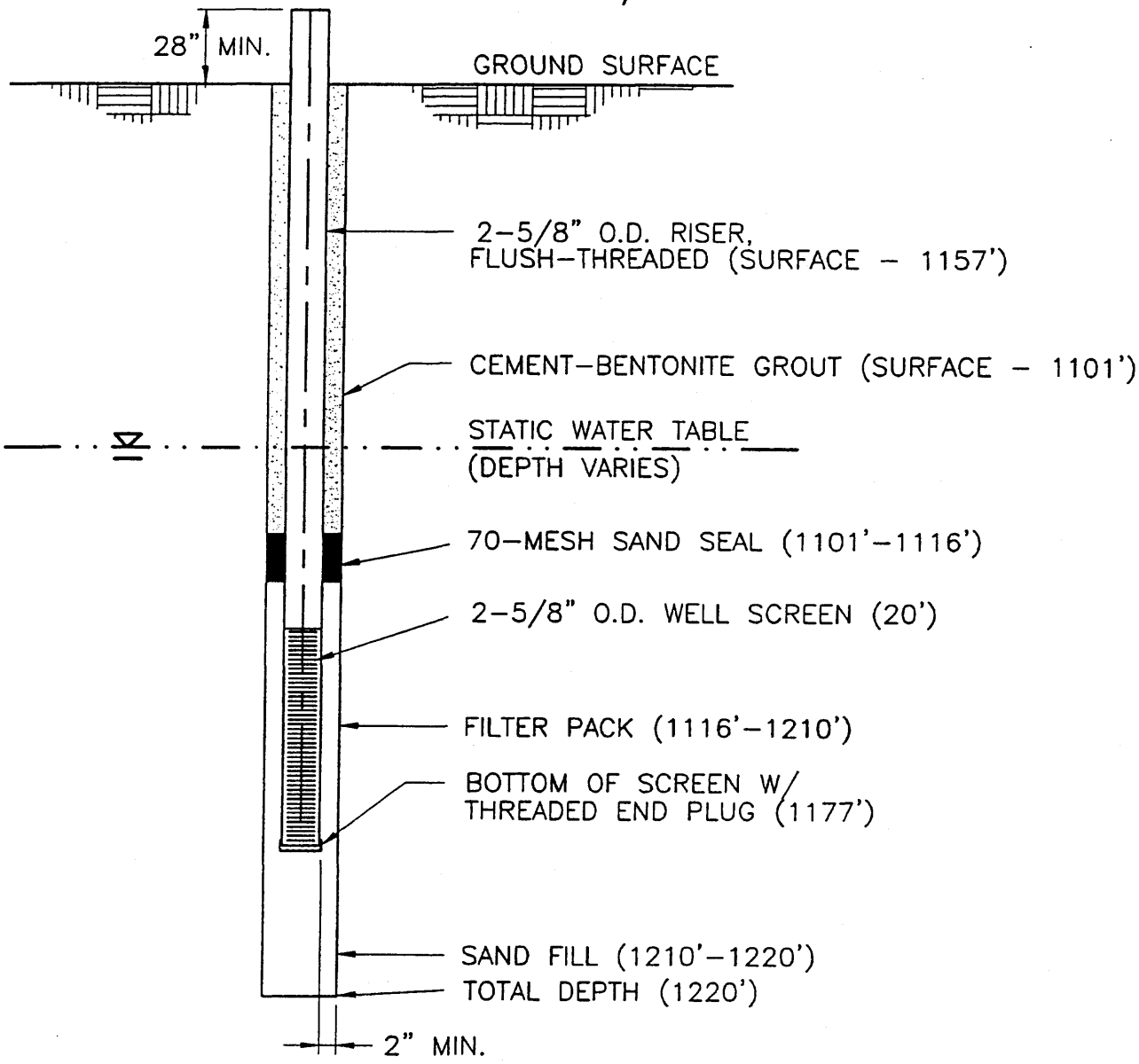

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FIGURE 2. IPA-2 COMPLETION DIAGRAM

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Exhibit C-3

IPA-3a.DWG UC0391-03 12/98

H_2O Elevation 3/29/03 839.24

water column 1120
- 839
281 Feet = 65 Gallons

3 x 65 = 195 gallons

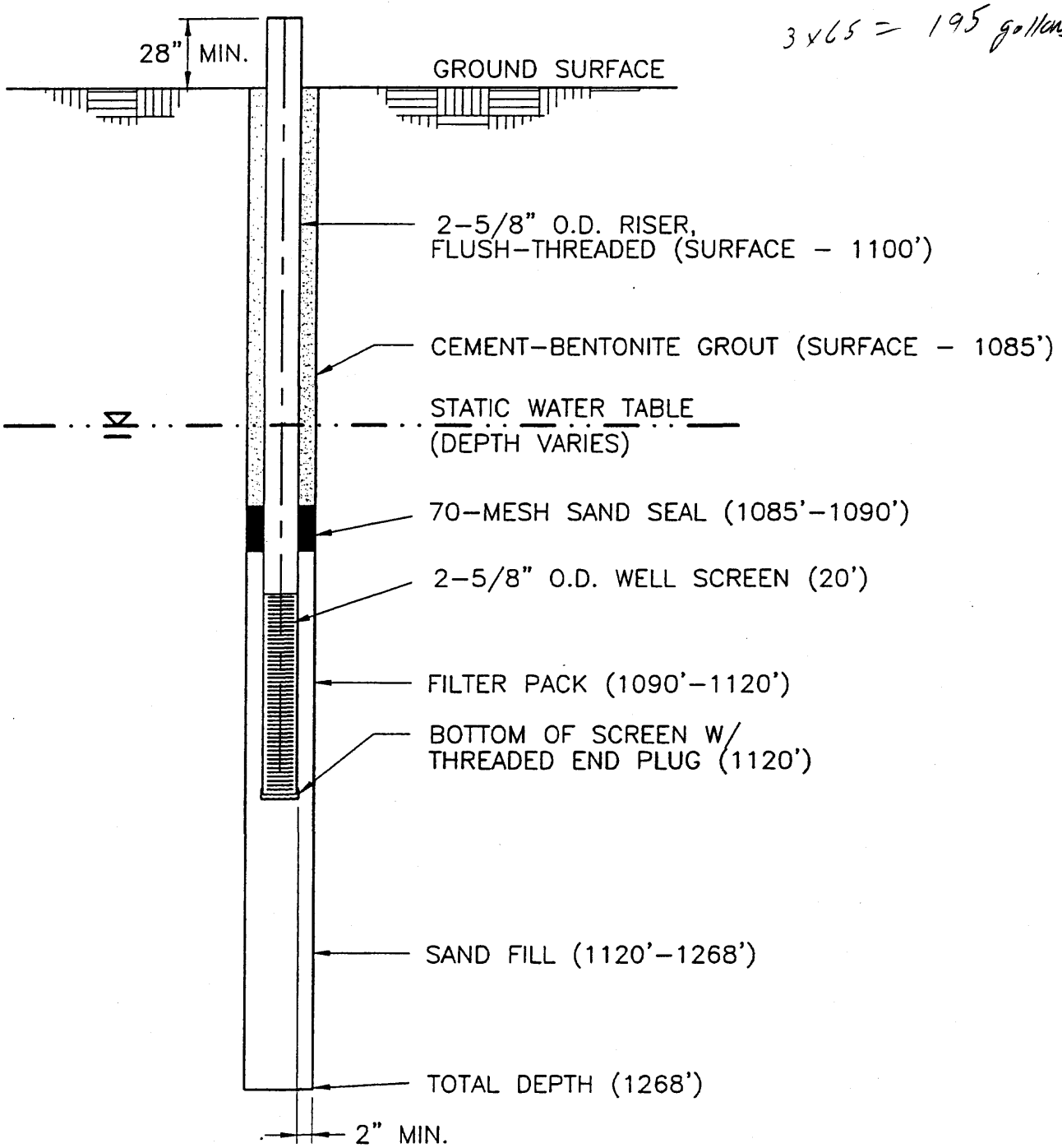

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FIGURE 3. IPA-3A COMPLETION DIAGRAM

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Exhibit D

Sampling Requirements

Piezometer	Screen Depth (ft)	Static H20 Level (ft)	Water Column (ft)	Casing Water Column (gal.)	Bore Water Column (gal)	Total Water Column (gal)	Minimum Purge Gallons	Weight to Purge (lbs)	Trips with Bailer (.18gal)
IPA #1	1730	1110.88	619.12	142.47	737.03	879.50	2638.50	21979	14658
IPA #2	1177	900.38	276.62	63.66	329.30	392.96	1178.87	9820	6549
IPA #3	1120	839.24	280.76	64.61	334.23	398.84	1196.51	9967	6647

		in	dec	ft
Well	diameter	2 3/8	2.375	0.1979167
	radius		1.1875	0.0989583
Bore	Diameter	8	8	0.6666667
	Radius		4	0.3333333
	gallon	8.33 lbs		0.1336898 FT3
	Ft3	7.48 gal		

Exhibit "E"

Bennett Sample Pumps

U.S. Patent No. 4295801 • Canadian Patent Nos.1166075 & 1187331

MODELS 180 & 1800

(for 2" and larger wells)

SPECIFICATIONS

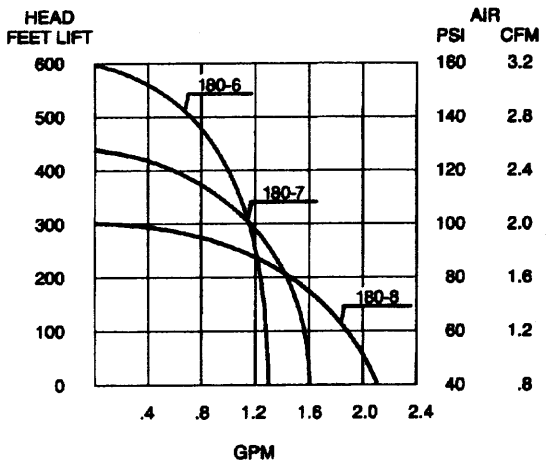
PUMP MODEL NO.	DIAMETER	LENGTH	WEIGHT	MOTOR CYLINDERS	PISTON STROKE	PISTON CYCLES PER MINUTE
180	1.8"	1 9.625"	10.5 lbs.	1	3"	Variable from 0 to 90 CPM
1800	1.8"	23.625"	13 lbs.	2	3"	maxium

Materials of Construction: 303 and 304 Stainless Steel

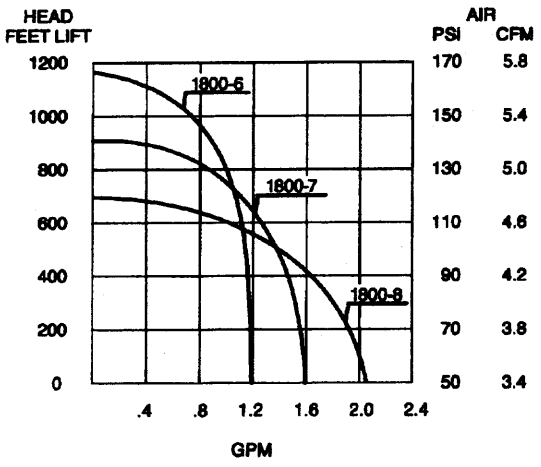
Model 180 and 1800 pumps are equipped with a 1" diameter pump piston for maximum flow rates at low pumping lifts. Intermediate lifts require a 7/8" diameter pump piston that reduces the flow rate. High lift applications require a 3/4" diameter pump piston with further reductions in pump flow rate.

PUMP PERFORMANCE CURVES
COMPRESSED AIR REQUIREMENTS

MODEL 180-6—3/4" Pump Piston
MODEL 180-7—7/8" Pump Piston
MODEL 180-8—1.0" Pump Piston



MODEL 1800-6—3/4" Pump Piston
MODEL 1800-7—7/8" Pump Piston
MODEL 1800-8—1.0" Pump Piston



The performance curves show maximum flow rates at given lifts. Lower flow rates are obtained, at any lift, by reducing the air pressure to the pump motor.

GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND SAMPLING

Exhibit "F"

Manufacturer	Types of Groundwater Devices/Sampling Equipment: Direct Push Ground Water Sampling Equipment	Complete Turnkey Groundwater Monitoring System Projects	Well Drilling Services	Well Sampling Pumps	Well Samplers	Well or Water Level Sensors	Well/Water Monitoring Instruments	Hand Driven Soil or Shallow Well Probes	Soil Monitoring or Vapor Extraction Instruments	Sampling Pumps/ Sampling Devices: Line Powered	Battery Powered	Air Powered/Air Lift Types	Pneumatic Bladder Pumps	Minimum Well Diameter Accommodated (Inches)	Range of Water Lift Capabilities (Feet)	Samplers: Bailers	Kemmerer Samplers	Multi-Sampler Packages	Automated or Programmed Samplers	Probes: Power Driven Probes	Manual Probes	Maximum Probe Depth (Feet)	Sensors/Instruments: Water Level or Depth Instruments	Battery Option	Minimum Casing Diameter Required (Inches)	Maximum Depth Measurement Capability (Feet)	Well Contaminant Monitoring Instruments	Soil Contaminant Measuring Instruments	Instruments Integrated Into
A M S Inc. 208/226-2017, 800/635-7330	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		1/2	1000	●		●		●	●	200	●	●	1/2	300			3
Ametek Drexelbrook 215/674-1234						●	●																●		3/4	3000			3,6
Bennett Sample Pumps Inc. 806/352-0264				●								●		1.5	0-1000														
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Campbell Scientific Inc. 435/753-2342						●	●																●	●	1	1000	1,2 5		3,4 6
Chemetrics Inc. 800/356-3072									●																				
Cole-Parmer Instrument Co. 847/549-7600				●	●	●	●		●	●	●				25	●	●		●				●		2	250			
Durham Geo Slope Indicator 770/465-7557, 800/837-0864					●	●	●				●	●		2	200						●	1000	●	●	2	1000	5		
Fultz Pumps Inc. 717/248-2300							●			●	●			2	200			●											
General Oceanics 305/621-2882					●													●											
Geoprobe Systems 785/825-1842, 800/436-7762					●	●	●	●	●											●	●	100	●		1.0	200			
Geotech Environmental Equip. 303/320-4764, 800/833-7958				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		.75	0-1000	●							●		.75	0-1000			
Global Water Instrumentation 916/638-3429, 800/876-1172				●		●	●			●	●			2.5	up to 200								●		1	500			6
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Horiba Instruments Inc. 949/250-4811							●																		2	400	5		
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Jensen Inert Products 954/344-2006,					●											●													
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YSI Inc. 800/897-4151						●																	●		2"				

KEY

1 *Alarm Option*
2 *Automatic Phone Dialing*
3 *Computer Data Acquisition Systems*
4 *Plant or Area Networking Systems*
5 *Recording/Reporting Options*
6 *SCADA Systems*

Exhibit "G"

OTHER PURGE CONSIDERATIONS

- Lack of stability may indicate problems with well design or purge set-up and method
- Generally, Eh will stabilize last, followed by DO.
- If feasible water level in well SHOULD NOT be drawn down below top of open interval. Water levels can be monitored by e-tape or transducer and data used with flow rate to compute specific discharge
- Flow rate should be measured: use a gallon jug, 5-gallon pickle bucket, etc.
- **Micro (low-flow) -purging** at flow rates that approximate 0.1 gal/min theoretically withdraw water along a single flow line and do not induce negligible drawdown in the well. Purge volumes are measured in tubing volumes and pumps are located in the open interval of the well.
- For **continuously pumped wells** flush lines and pressure tank (if present); record field measurements 5 times at regular intervals prior to sampling; 3-5 casing volumes not required
- For **low-yielding wells** empty the well once and wait for 90% recovery

WATER-QUALITY SAMPLING PROTOCOL

- Monitoring wells
  - Use a submersible sampling pump (portable or dedicated) or a bailer appropriate for environmental sampling. If possible **avoid** the use of **bailers**; if necessary **use with bottom-emptying device**.
  - Collect sample at a flow rate of about 0.1 to 0.5 gal/min. For volatile organic compounds (VOC's a rate < 0.5 is recommended. A flow rate of 0.1 gal/min is not feasible for many pumps. Use a flow rate of about 0.1 gal/min for low-flow sampling. **Constant rate, non-turbulent flow for all samples.**
  - Store bottles at the ambient temperature or less of ground water (about 55° F)
  - Use laboratory, quality-assured and cleaned bottles that are securely capped
  - Select proper bottle type for sample (polyethylene, baked glass, amber glass, etc.). Sample bottles for inorganic compounds are rinsed with sample water (unfiltered or filtered, as required) immediately before sample collection; Do not rinse glass bottles for organics.
  - If concerned with atmosphere, bottle can be filled to overflowing from bottom, otherwise fill to shoulder. Fill at non
  - Samples for volatile organics should contain **NO AIR**. Check for air. If present discard or empty bottle and recollect sample.
  - If necessary, filter sample with in-line filter. Invert and pre-flush filter with sample water; rinse with DI water. Generally use 0.45 um filter. Project objectives dictate pore size and type of filter. Report as **FILTERED, not DISSOLVED.**

PRE-SAMPLING WELL PURGING

- Measurement of well-water volume
- Selection of purge method and pump placement
- Removal of predetermined number of well-water volumes
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PURGE VOLUME CALCULATION

1. Measure depth to water from reference point
2. Measure or provide well depth (from measuring point) from well log
3. Calculate length of water column (Depth to water – well depth)
4. Calculate casing volume , in gallons (Length of water column x well diameter)
5. Calculate purge volume (casing volume x 3-5)

EXAMPLE PURGE-VOLUME CALCULATION

1. Depth to water = 10 ft
2. Well depth = 20 ft
3. Water column = 10 ft
4. Casing volume = 10 ft x ,163 gallons/ft (for 2-inch diameter well) = 1.63 gallons
5. Purge volume = 1,63 gal x 3 = 4.9 gallons

PURGE METHODS AND STANDARD PROTOCOLS

- Lowering pump – continuous or two step
- Fixed position just above open interval
- Micro-purge
- Dedicated pump – water withdrawn just above or within sample interval
- Use on of these withdrawal methods in conjunction with well-water volume and field characteristic stability criteria

Standard protocols and recommended procedures for conducting and assessing well purging (adapted from Lapham and others, 1995)

1. Purge minimum volume of water equal to 3 times the casing (or wellbore) volume (flow rate 2-3 gal/min or less)

2. Reduce flow rate to 0.1-0.5 gal/min during later part of purge period (5-25 minutes). Lower flow rate will approximate sample collection rate.

3. During purging, monitor pH, temperature, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen (DO), Eh, particularly during final 15-25 minutes. Monitor turbidity (TU) near the end of purging, particularly if sampling for trace elements. Note and record water clarity,

4. The well is considered purged after at least 3 casing volumes have been removed and values of the monitored field parameters between 3-5 successive measurements separated by about 3-5 minute intervals *or* 3 successive ½ well volumes are within the allowable differences specified below:

Parameter	Allowable difference or value
Ph	+- 0.1 units (+-0.05 units if instrument capable of display
Temperature	+-0.2°C
Specific conductance	+- 5%, for SC <- 100 us/cm +-3%, for SC > 100us/cm
DO	+- 0.3 mg/L
Eh	+-5%
TU	+-10% for TU < 100 NTU; ambient TU Is <5 NTU for most ground-water Systems; visible TU > 5 NTU (or check visually for water clarity)

- If measurements appear stable, either the last *or* median value of the last 5 measurements for each parameter (except pH, use last) is recorded; proceed with sampling
- If criteria for stability is not achieved, purging is continued until either measurements stabilize or equivalent of 5 or more wellbore volumes have been removed; note unstable parameters in field notes
- If measurements remain unstable, determine study objectives/sampling priority. If sample, note parameters that are not stable