

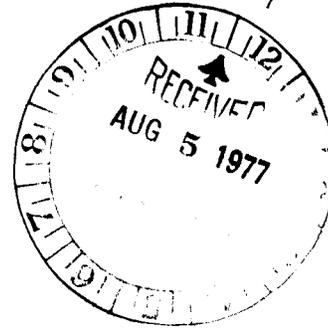
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**SWISHER COAL CO.**

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Acknowledge and  
begin file for  
Sw # 2 &  
Sw # 3-6*



Ron Daniels  
State of Utah  
Department of Natural Resources  
Board of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Ron:

Enclosed are mining and reclamation plans for Swisher Coal Company's Gordon Creek #2, #3 and #6 Mine. The #2 Mine is the original mine purchased by General Exploration Co. from Ura Swisher in 1975. The #3 Mine was constructed later in that year in a nearby canyon. The #6 Mine is not yet operational but is actually part of the #3 operation in that it will be mining the seam directly over the #3 Mine. The two mines share common surface facilities and are numbered separately mainly for accounting purposes.

Since both the #2 Mine and the #3-6 Mine are existing on-going operations, the following information is submitted in lieu of form MR2.

1. The mines are owned and operated by Swisher Coal Company, Price, Utah, a wholly owned subsidiary of General Exploration Co. of Dallas, Texas.
2. The mines are underground coal mines with surface facilities consisting of conveyor belts, loading ramps, coal storage pile areas, bathhouses, material yards and parking lots.
3. The land, prior to coal mining, was used primarily for sheep grazing. However, the entire Gordon Creek area is historically one of the more important coal mining centers of the Wasatch Plateau and the entire canyon is dotted with old abandoned coal mines and encampments.
4. There is no vegetation on the affected areas as they are now in yards. Surrounding vegetation consists of pine trees, sagebrush, scrub oak and grasses.
5. The soil, being typical of the upland region is very slightly acidic.
6. Elevation of #2 Mine = 7934'  
Elevation of #3-6 Mine = 7564'
7. #2 Mine is mining the Castlegate "A" seam, 9' thick; #3 is in the Hiawatha seam, 7' thick; #6 will be in the Castlegate "A" seam, 6' thick.
8. Projected life of all three mines is 20 years with existing reserves. Acquisition of surrounding federal coal would extend mine life.

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9. The overburden has not been classified as acid or alkali producing.

10. The Gordon Creek area is highly faulted and water is often associated with the fault. Therefore, it is not uncommon to intercept water in either of the mines. Presently we are pumping 400 gpm of water out of the #3 Mine which is coming from a fault encountered by the mine works. The water is very pure and meets state specs for culinary water use.

11. All site preparation involving grading, excavation and contouring has been completed in the past. Enclosed is a site map of surface facilities for the #3-6 Mine. A similar map for the #2 Mine will be sent as soon as a survey is completed.

#### Reclamation

Upon permanent termination of operations at either mine all surface structures will be removed. All trash and debris will be cleared away and the mine yards will be graded to a smooth appearance. All portals will be permanently sealed off to prevent entry of unauthorized personnel. Natural drainage features will be restored and diversion ditches will be constructed as necessary to prevent erosional damage to the yard areas. Disturbed areas will be scarified and seeded with the following grass mix as prescribed by the U.S. Forest Service:

3 lb. Smooth Brome  
3 lb. Timothy Grass  
2 lb. Orchard Grass  
2 lb. Crested Wheat  
1 lb. Kentucky Blue Grass  
1 lb. Ranger Alfalfa  
1 lb. Meadow Foxtail

Total 13 lb. per acre.

Sincerely,

SWISHER COAL CO.



Dave Shaver  
Chief Engineer

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Enclosures