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RE: M.R.P. Amendment
Coal Fine Percentage
Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine
ACT/007/016-87F; #3
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Enclosed are 14 copies of a revised page (3-37) for the Gordon Creek No. 2 Mine Plan. This amendment is to clarify the coal fine percentage used to determine contaminated soil during reclamation, and incorporates the recommended changes in Mr. Hedberg's letter of Jan. 11, 1988.

If you need any further information please let me know.

Respectfully,

Dan W. Guy
Manager Permitting/Compliance

cc: Johnny Coffey
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3.4.4 Preservation of Soil Resources and Projected Impacts of Mining on Soil Resources (continued)

With special handling, the disturbed land fill should provide a suitable seedbed for revegetation. Special handling will include removal of contaminated material and large coarse rock fragments (greater than 18"). The large rock fragments will be used as rip-rap in channel restoration, buried with the fill, or hauled to an approved land fill. The contaminated material will be disposed of within an approved land fill. Contaminated material includes that with oil and grease or greater than 50% coal fines. This will be determined by visual inspection, and any material with visible oil or grease contamination, or suspected of having greater than 50% coal fines will be removed. The volume of such material cannot be accurately estimated; however, it will likely be less than 2% of total volume. (See Sec. 8.6.4, p. 8-28).

Material with less than 50 percent coal fines will be buried against the highwalls and covered with a minimum of four feet of incombustible material.

The landfill to which the contaminated material will be hauled will be the Carbon County landfill (approximately 30 miles from #2 Mine), or another landfill approved by DOGM if one exists closer to the operation at the time of reclamation. All areas will be ripped to loosen the fill profile and pulverized if a cloddy surface exists. Prior to revegetation efforts soil analysis will be taken to identify the need for replenishment of various soil nutrients.

3.4.4.1 Control Measures to Mitigate Impact to Soil Resources

Surface disturbance is limited to the boundaries established on the Soils Map, Plate 8-1. Mining activities are limited to those boundaries so that in-place soils are not impacted. Disturbed areas will be revegetated where practical to prevent erosion of soils on undisturbed sites.