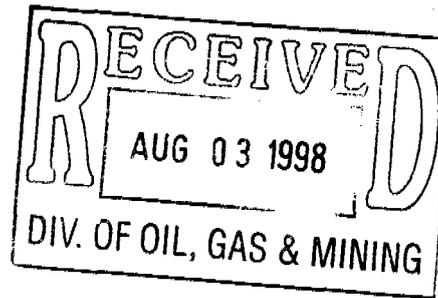


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July 15, 1998

Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
P. O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Re: *Culvert in Right Fork*
Proposed Amendment (Revised)
Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines
ACT/007/016; Folder #2
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Littig:

Enclosed are 3 copies of a proposed revised amendment to the Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines Permit. This amendment will address our proposal for the culvert in the Right Fork of Bryner Canyon.

The original proposal was submitted in January 1998; however, at that time, the landowner had not been able to examine the culvert. Since that time, Mountain Coal Company has had a complete evaluation done on the culvert by CBC Engineers and Associates (report attached), and the landowner has examined the culvert and signed a letter requesting it be left in place.

It is our hope this submittal will meet with your approval. If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Dan W. Guy for
Paige B. Beville, MCC

cc: Paige B. Beville, MCC
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT CHANGE

Title of Change: *APPENDIX 7-5
48" C.M.P.
RIGHT FORK*

Permit Number: ACT/007/016
Mine: GORDON CREEK #2, #7, #8
Permittee: MOUNTAIN COAL CO.

Description, include reason for change and timing required to implement:

REQUEST TO LEAVE CULVERT IN PLACE.

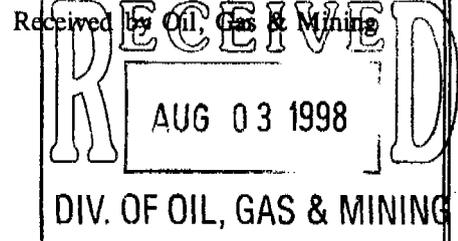
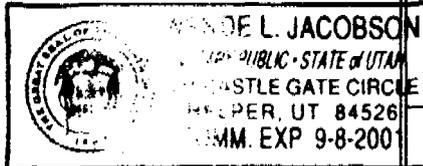
- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Change in the size of the Disturbed Area? _____ acres increase decrease.
- Yes No 3. Will permit change include operations outside the Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Will permit change include operations in hydrologic basins other than currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does permit change result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
- Yes No 6. Does the permit change require or include public notice publication?
- Yes No 7. Does the permit change require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
- Yes No 8. Permit change as a result of a Violation? Violation # _____
- Yes No 9. Permit change as a result of Division Order? D.O. # _____
- Yes No 10. Permit change as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: *REQUEST BY P.O.G.M.*
- Yes No 11. Does the permit change affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
- Yes No 12. Does permit change require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
- Yes No 13. Does permit change require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
- Yes No 14. Could the permit change have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
- Yes No 15. Does permit change require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
- Yes No 16. Does permit change require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
- Yes No 17. Does permit change require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
- Yes No 18. Does permit change require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
- Yes No 19. Does permit change require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
- Yes No 20. Does permit change require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for any change in the reclamation plan?
- Yes No 22. Is permit change within 100 feet of a public road or perennial stream or 500 feet of an occupied dwelling?
- Yes No 23. Is this coal exploration activity?

Attach 3 complete copies of proposed permit change as it would be incorporated into the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

Wendy L. Jacobson
Signed - Name - Position - Date *7/15/98*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *14* day of *JULY*, 19 *98*.
Wendy L. Jacobson
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: *9-8-2001*
STATE OF *UTAH*
COUNTY OF *CARBON*



ASSIGNED PERMIT CHANGE NUMBER

