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January 14, 2000

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RE: Revised Permit Area, Gordon Creek #2, #7 and #8, Mountain Coal Company, ACT/007/016-AM99C, Outgoing Folder

Dear Mr. Hansen:

The Division received the amendment to revise the permit area boundaries on December 16, 1999. This amendment revises the permit area because there is no longer right-of-entry in these areas due to the coal lease relinquishment, (Technical Analysis attached for your information). There were several deficiencies identified that must be addressed:

R645-301-521.141, a map or figure of the disturbed area at Sweets Pond. Figures 4-1, 4-2, and 4-3 may be revised or a new map of the Sweet Pond disturbance provided.

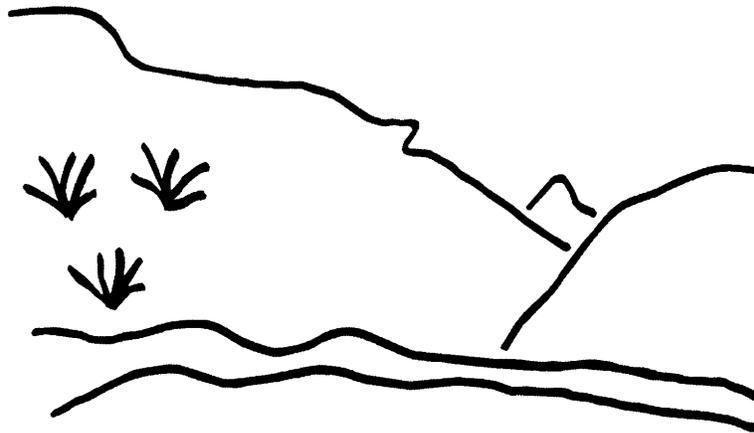
Additionally, please include the current and revised permit acreage for this mine.

Please submit this information by January 31, 2000. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

State of Utah



Utah Oil Gas and Mining

Coal Regulatory Program

Revised Permit Maps
ACT/007/016-99C
Technical Analysis
January 13, 2000

INTRODUCTION

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Proposed changes to the Gordon Creek #2, #7, & #8 permit were received on December 16, 1999. The amendment revises the permit area boundaries since right-of-entry expired with the coal lease relinquishment. The amendment is not recommended for approval because of errors in the submitted figures.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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RIGHT OF ENTRY

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-114

Analysis:

Right of entry information is found in section 4.3.4 of the permit. All coal leases have been relinquished (1999) and therefore only surface right of entry remain. Surface use agreements are with Calvin Jacob and Sons, Robert and Linda Jewkes and E. E. Peirce.

Findings:

The minimum regulatory requirements of this section have been met.

RESOURCE INFORMATION

MAPS, PLANS, AND CROSS SECTIONS OF RESOURCE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 783.24, 783.25; R645-301-323, -301-411, -301-521, -301-622, -301-722, -301-731.

Analysis:

Permit Area Boundary Maps

The current permit area boundary (date receive December 16, 1999) is shown on Figures 4-1, 4-2, and 4-3. The permit area boundary information provided on the map is correct. However the information showing disturbed areas is not correct because the Sweet's Pond area has been omitted. The pond must be included in the disturbed area and bonded for complete reclamation (worst case scenario) until the post-mining land use has been met and final bond release approved. Further, no map in the plan could be found which depicts the disturbed area boundaries at the Sweet Pond location.

Surface and Subsurface Ownership Maps

The surface and subsurface ownership maps are shown on (date receive December 16, 1999) Figures 4-1 and 4-2. The ownership information provided on the map is correct. However the information showing disturbed area boundaries is not correct because the Sweet's Pond is not included in the disturbed area. The pond must be included in the disturbed area and bonded for complete reclamation (worst case scenario) until the post-mining land use has been met and final bond release approved.

Findings:

Information provided in this section is not correct. Prior to approval, the Permittee must provide the following in accordance with:

R645-301-521.141, a map or figure of the disturbed area at Sweets Pond. Figures 4-1, 4-2, and 4-3 may be revised or a new map of the Sweet Pond disturbance provided.