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June 29, 2011

Chris Hansen, Environmental Manager
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
HC 35 Box 380
Helper, Utah 84526

Subject: 2010 Annual Report Review Completion, Gordon Creek 2, 7 & 8 Mine, C/007/0016,
Task ID #3792

Dear Mr. Hansen:

The Division staff has completed the review of the 2010 Annual Report. Enclosed is a copy of the review with each reviewer's comments completed on June 29, 2011. Please submit 4 copies of the following items as separate applications with a C1/C2 form for approval and incorporation into the official mining and reclamation plan by August 1, 2011.

- Please resubmit the updated ownership and control information prepared for incorporation into the M&RP.

Thank you for your diligence in completing the Annual Report. If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Program Manager

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Enclosure

cc: Price Field Office

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Submit by Email

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Annual Report

Date

6/29/11

This Annual Report shows information the Division has for your mine. Submit the completed document and any additional information identified in the Appendices to the Division by **March 31, 2011**. During a complete inspection an inspector will check and verify the information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Company Name	Mountain Coal Company, LLC	Mine Name	Gordon Creek 2,7, & 8 Mines
Permit Number	C/007/0016	Permit expiration Date	2014-08-28
Operator Name	Mountain Coal Company, LLC	Phone Number	+1 (970) 263-5130
Mailing Address	Arch Western Bituminous Group, LLC, 225 N. 5th S	Email	chansen@archcoal.com
City	Grand Junction	State	CO
		Zip Code	81501

CERTIFIED REPORTS

DOGM File Location or Annual Report Location

Excess Spoil Piles

- Required
 Not Required

Refuse Piles

- Required
 Not Required

Impoundments

- Required
 Not Required

Included as electronic file "Appendix A"

Other:

OPERATOR COMMENTS

REVIEWER COMMENTS

- Met Requirements Did Not meet Requirements

The 3rd Quarter 2010 and Annual Inspection with P.E. certification for the Jacob's pond stock watering impoundment was completed by Mr. Dan Guy, Utah registered professional engineer, on August 26, 2010. No structural weaknesses or safety issues were identified during that inspection. All slopes were stable. The open channel spillway was not discharging. The P.E. certification meets the requirements of the Utah Division of Professional Licensing for P.E. certifications. This pond is inspected quarterly. Phase II bond release for the mine portal areas was approved in March 2007. The sediment control ponds were reclaimed in October of 2007. To date, no bond release application has been received for the sediment pond reclamation area. All reclamation channels at this site appeared stable when last observed by DOGM personnel prior to the onset of winter conditions, 2010-2011.

REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA

List other technical data and information as required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as an attachment to this report or currently on file with the Division.

Please List Attachments:

Electronic File "Appendix B" "Vegetation Monitoring for Phase III Bond Release at the Gordon Creek 2/7/8 Mines, Year 1:2009"

REVIEWER COMMENTS



Met Requirements



Did Not meet Requirements

In may of 2010 the vegetation analysis report for this reclaimed site was submitted to the division for year 1 (2009) as part of a phase three bond release application to be submitted at the end of year 2. The data for year one indicated that all parameters either met or exceeded those of the reference area. The information in the Appendix B adequately addresses the vegetation requirements for year one.

LEGAL, FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND RELATED INFORMATION

The Division is Requesting that each Permittee review and update the legal, financial, compliance and related information in the plan as part of the annual report. Please provide the Department of Commerce, Annual Report of Officers, or other equivalent information as necessary to ensure that the information provided in the plan is current. Provide any other change as necessary regarding land ownership, lease acquisitions, legal results from appeals of violations, or other changes as necessary to update information required in the mining and reclamation plan. Include certified financial statements, audits or worksheets, which may be required to meet bonding requirements. Specify whether the information is currently on file with the Division or included as an attachment to the report.

LEGAL/ FINANCIAL UPDATE

Included

DOGM File Location or Annual Report Location

LEGAL/ FINANCIAL UPDATE	Included	DOGM File Location or Annual Report Location
Directors/Officers Report as of 3/21/11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electronic File "Appendix C"
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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REVIEWER COMMENTS

Met Requirements

Did Not meet Requirements

The Permittee provided a Report with the most current officers and directors information as of 3/21/2011. The information provided has been updated in the Applicant Violator System, however, the Division needs five copies of the information along with the proper C1/C2 form in order to properly update the Gordon Creek Mining and Reclamation Plan. Please provide this information as an amendment to the MRP.

MAPS

Copies of mine maps, current and up-to-date through at least December 31, 2010, are to be provided to the Division as an attachment to this report in accordance with the requirements of R 645-301-525.240. The map copies shall be made in accordance with 30 CFR 75.1200 as required by MSHA. Mine maps are not considered confidential.

Map Name	Map Number	Included		Confidential	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
Annual subsidence map Not Required		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mine Map Not Required		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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REVIEWER COMMENTS Met Requirements Did Not meet Requirements

OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any comments of further information to be included as part of the Annual Report. Any other attachments are to be provided as an attachment to this report. If information is submitted as a group rather than by individual mine, please identify each of the mine's data in the list below.

Please List Attachments:

REVIEWER COMMENTS