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

Subject: 2011 Annual Report Review Completion, Gordon Creek 2, 7, & 8, C/007/0016, Task ID # 4074

Dear Mr. Hansen:

The Division staff has completed the review of the 2011 Annual Report. Enclosed is a copy of the review with each reviewer's comments completed on June 29, 2012.

Please note: The Division no longer requires that Ownership and Control Information be included in the Annual Report. If you would like to make updates to this information in the Mining and Reclamation Plan, please submit the changes as a separate amendment with a C1/C2 form.

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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cc: Price Field Office
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Annual Report

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 30, 2012**. 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	Colorado	Zip Code	81501

DOGGM File Location or Annual Report Location

Excess Spoil Piles	<input type="checkbox"/> Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	
Refuse Piles	<input type="checkbox"/> Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Required	
Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	See attached file for certified pond inspection
Other:		

OPERATOR COMMENTS

REVIEWER COMMENTS

Met Requirements Did Not meet Requirements

Reviewed by James Owen. An impoundment inspection form was included for an inspection conducted 12-8-2011 for Jacob's pond. The inspection was completed by Vicky Miller and is certified by J Garrett Barton, PE (1-17-12). During the inspection no signs of structural instability or weakness were identified in the pond, banks, or spillways. No hazardous conditions or contaminants were observed. Inlets, spillways and culverts were contained drifted snow, but would be expected to function properly in the event of discharge. No discharge was observed.

REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA

Please list other technical data or information that was not included in the form above, but is required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division.

Please list attachments:

Gordon Creek 2/7/8 Vegetation Monitoring Report: 2009 & 2010
Arch Coal Corporate Officers and Directors
Arch Coal Organizational Chart

Reviewer Comments

Reviewed by Ingrid Campbell 6/29/12: Arch Coal submitted a vegetation Monitoring report for year 2 of phase III bond release of the Gordon Creek 2/7/8 mine site. The monitoring was conducted by Dr. Patrick Collins of Mt. Nebo Scientific. The disturbed, reclaimed area as well as the undisturbed Mountain Brush/Grass plant community reference area were sampled for Cover, Frequency and Composition, production, and diversity. Density of woody species was not included in the report. Photographs were also taken of the sampling areas. The reclaimed area is dominated by alfalfa. Several desirable grasses were also present. The reclaimed area vegetation exceeded that of the reference area. The post mining land use of the area is identified in the MRP and this monitoring report as stock grazing. According to R645-356.210, Areas developed for use as grazing land, the ground cover and production of living plants on the revegetated areas will be at least equal to that of a reference area.

The Arch Coal Corporate Officers and Directors and Organizational Chart last updated February 29, 2012 was included in the annual report. If there are changes to these items that are not included in the M&RP, Arch Coal must submit these changes as a separate amendment for incorporation into the MRP.

MAPS

Copies of mine maps, current and up-to-date through at least December 31, 2011, are to be provided to the Division as an attachment to this report in accordance with the requirements of R645-301-525.240. 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	
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Reviewer Comments Met Requirements Did Not Meet Requirements

No mine maps were required. The mine is currently reclaimed.