

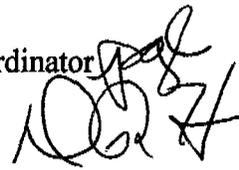


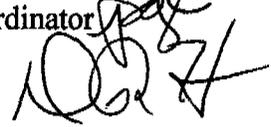
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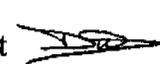
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TO: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Coordinator 

THRU: Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor 

FROM: David Darby, Senior Reclamation Specialist 

RE: Phase III Bond Release, Mountain Coal Company, Gordon Creek #3 and #6 Mine, INA/007/017, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

SYNOPSIS

On August 11, 1997, Mountain Coal Company submitted a request for phase III bond release. A review of the hydrologic data on January 13, 1998 identified that there was lack of data showing that runoff from the disturbed area was not contaminating the receiving stream. Phase III bond release was denied until the applicant could show that receiving streams were not being contaminated by runoff from the disturbed areas.

ANALYSIS

The Division received a set of data from Mountain Coal Company depicting water samples collected on April 21, 1998. The samples identify water quality data from the disturbed site, Coal Creek and Gordon Creek. The samples show that the runoff levels of suspended solids, major ions and metals are far less from the disturbed than are in the receiving stream.

The new information allows the division to determine, under R645-301-880.210 regarding occurrence and potential for water pollution, that pollution is not taking place from the reclaimed mine site.

Recommendation

Phase III Bond release is recommended for approval.

cc: Susan White, Senior Reclamation Biologist
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