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Thru: Joe Helfrich

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Re: Expanded Topsoil Pile, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Soldier Creek Mine, ACT/007/018-98C, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

Proposed changes to Soldier Creek Mine topsoil storage area were received on August 27, 1998 in the PFO. The additional topsoil is coming from the Dugout Mine, due to the construction of this new site. The Dugout topsoil is to be stored at the Soldier Creek Mine topsoil site in a separate area for reclamation of the Dugout Mine..

The information found in the proposal is not considered adequate to meet the requirements of the R645 Coal Rules. The permittee should make the requisite changes to the proposal as necessary and resubmit the proposal to meet the requirements of the R645 Coal Rules.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

OPERATION PLAN

MAPS, PLANS, CROSS SECTION

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-512.120, R-645-521.165

Analysis:

Mining Facilities Maps

The permittee has not submitted an updated surface facilities map to show the topsoil pile location.

Findings:

No surface facilities map has been submitted in the proposed amendment. Therefore, this section of the amendment is not considered adequate.

R645-301-512.120 requires that an updated certified surface facilities map showing the new topsoil storage pile needs to be submitted.

MAP, PLANS, CROSS-SECTIONS OF THE MINING OPERATIONS

Regulatory reference: R645-301-521.170

Analysis:

Transportation Facilities Map

The permittee has plans to build or extend a road at the Soldier Creek topsoil storage area. The extension is for placement of topsoil from Dugout Mine. The permittee has not submitted an updated transportation map of this area identifying the new and existing roads.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposed amendment is not considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section.

R645-301-521.170 requires the permittee to provide an updated transportation map showing the proposed road.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

ROADS

Regulatory Reference: R645-301-527.100

Analysis:

Roads

The permittee has stated that "Access to the expanded soil storage site will be via a short road extending from the existing storage site to the new storage site". This gives the indication of a new road, and therefore, must be identified as either a primary or an ancillary road.

Findings:

Information provided in the proposed amendment is not considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section.

R645-301-527.100: The permittee must classify this road. This road should be classified in the same format and location within the MRP as it is for other roads.

RECOMMENDATION:

Prior to approval, the permittee must address R645-301-521.165, R645-301-521.170, R645-301-512.120, and R645-301-527.100 as stated in the outline above.

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