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Re: Midterm Review, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Soldier Canyon Mine, ACT/007/018-MT99, File #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Olsen: Rick

The Division is required to review each active permit during its term, in accordance with R645-303-211. This review is to take place at the mid-point of the permit term (August 2, 1999 for the Soldier Canyon Mine) and will cover pertinent elements that have been selected for review. The Midterm Review for the Soldier Canyon Mine is now being conducted and the items chosen for review encompass the following:

1. An AVS check to ensure that Ownership and Control information is current and correct.

2. A review of the Plan to ensure that the requirements of all permit conditions, division orders, notice of violation abatement plans, and permittee-initiated Plan changes are appropriately incorporated into the Plan document.

3. A review of the applicable portions of the permit to ensure that the Plan contains commitments for application of the best technology currently available (BTCA) to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids to stream flows outside of the permit area.

4. An evaluation of the reclamation bond to ensure that coverage adequately addresses permit changes approved subsequent to permit renewal and to ensure that the bond amount is appropriately escalated in current-year dollars.

5. The Division may, at its option, conduct a technical site visit in conjunction with the assigned compliance inspector to document the status and effectiveness of operational, reclamation, and contemporaneous reclamation practices.

Once the review has been completed, you will be notified of any outstanding issues that need to be corrected.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements or the Midterm Review please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wright
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