

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

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RE: Bond Revision, Canyon Fuel Company LLC, Soldier Canyon Mine, C/007/0018, Task ID #2091

SUMMARY:

On December 15, 2004, the Division received the above mention amendment, which dealt a bond adjustment for the Soldier Canyon. The Division determined that the reclamation bond of \$1,593,000 was adequate.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

BONDING AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 800; R645-301-800, et seq.

Analysis:

Determination of Bond Amount

Task 2091, which the Division evaluated in January 2005, dealt with escalating the Soldier Canyon Mine bond from 2004 to 2009 dollars. The Permittee and the Division updated the bonding information in the MRP to show the current bond amount of \$1,593,000 was adequate.

Findings:

The information in the amendment was adequate to meet the minimum requirements of the bonding and insurance section of the regulations.

Recommendations:

The Division should approve the amendment.