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July 14, 2011

Erwin Sass, General Manager
Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
P.O. Box 1029
Wellington, Utah 84542

Subject: 2010 Annual Report Review Completion, Soldier Canyon, C/007/0018, Task ID #3770

Dear Mr. Sass:

The Division staff has completed the review of the 2010 Annual Report. Enclosed is a copy of the review with each reviewer's comments completed on July 14th, 2011.

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

DRH/SKC/ss
cc: Price Field Office
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Annual Report

Date

7/14/11

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 31, 2011**. During a complete inspection an inspector will check and verify the information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Company Name Canyon Fuel Company

Mine Name Soldier Canyon Mine

Permit Number C/007/0018

Permit expiration Date 2012-02-03

Operator Name

Phone Number +1 (435) 637-6360

Mailing Address PO Box 1029

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City

Wellington

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84542

CERTIFIED REPORTS

DOG M File Location or Annual Report Location

Excess Spoil Piles

 Required Not Required

Refuse Piles

 Required Not Required

Impoundments

 Required Not Required

Other:

Attached

OPERATOR COMMENTS

The fourth quarters of sediment ponds inspections were submitted in the Annual report. The fourth quarter was the annual sediment pond inspection. This document is P.E. certified.

REVIEWER COMMENTS



Met Requirements



Did Not meet Requirements

COMMITMENTS AND CONDITIONS

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring annual technical commitments in the MRP and conditions accepted with the permit are completed throughout the year. The Division has identified these commitments below and has provided space for you to report what you have done during the past year for each commitment. If additional written response is required, it should be filed as an attachment to this report.

Title: TOPSOIL STOCKPILES

Objective: To ensure that an adequate stand of vegetation cover is maintained.

Frequency: Completion of annual interim reclamation measures as necessary.

Status: Ongoing

Reports: Annual Reports

Citation: Vol. 1, Section 2.31.4, pg. 2-26, bullet 3

OPERATOR COMMENTS

REVIEWER COMMENTS



Met Requirements



Did Not meet Requirements

Reviewed by Priscilla Burton 4/19/2011. The topsoil and subsoil and boulder stockpiles at the topsoil canyon stockpile site were created during the surface facilities expansion, in 1992. According to the MRP, p. 3-13, the intermediate seed mix (Appendix 3E) was used to stabilize the stockpiles. The components of the mix were Intermediate wheatgrass, slender wheatgrass, thickspike wheatgrass, western wheatgrass, yellow sweetclover, and alfalfa. Cheat grass control has been a concern on the topsoil stockpile. Inspection Report #2107 outlines past efforts to control cheat grass on the (small) NW topsoil stockpile which involved burning (torching) the topsoil stockpile in March 2007, followed by 2-4D application in the late fall 2007. The control also involved manual cheatgrass pulling in May and December 2008. During an inspection of the adjacent Dugout stockpiles on 9/16/2010 (Insp Rpt #2497), the Soldier Canyon topsoil stockpile was observed to have minimal cheat grass cover and there have been no further treatments. The site will be monitored and treatment will be requested as necessary.

REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA

List other technical data and information as required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as an attachment to this report or currently on file with the Division.

Please List Attachments:

REVIEWER COMMENTS Met Requirements Did Not meet Requirements

NA

LEGAL, FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND RELATED INFORMATION

The Division is Requesting that each Permittee review and update the legal, financial, compliance and related information in the plan as part of the annual report. Please provide the Department of Commerce, Annual Report of Officers, or other equivalent information as necessary to ensure that the information provided in the plan is current. Provide any other change as necessary regarding land ownership, lease acquisitions, legal results from appeals of violations, or other changes as necessary to update information required in the mining and reclamation plan. Include certified financial statements, audits or worksheets, which may be required to meet bonding requirements. Specify whether the information is currently on file with the Division or included as an attachment to the report.

LEGAL/ FINANCIAL UPDATE

Included

DOGM File Location or Annual Report Location

Ownership and Control

General Chapter 1, stand-alone 1" binder on file in SLC Division office.

REVIEWER COMMENTS

Met Requirements

Did Not meet Requirements

The ownership and control information does not require updates/revisions at this time. The information currently incorporated in the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) is up to date.

MAPS

Copies of mine maps, current and up-to-date through at least December 31, 2010, are to be provided to the Division as an attachment to this report in accordance with the requirements of R 645-301-525.240. 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	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
Annual Subsidence Map	No mining for 10+ years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mine Map	No mining for 10+ years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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REVIEWER COMMENTS Met Requirements Did Not meet Requirements

The Soldier Canyon Mine has been idle for over ten years. As a result, annual subsidence and mine projection maps are not required at this time.

OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any comments of further information to be included as part of the Annual Report. Any other attachments are to be provided as an attachment to this report. If information is submitted as a group rather than by individual mine, please identify each of the mine's data in the list below.

Please List Attachments:

REVIEWER COMMENTS

NA