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WATER QUALITY MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: File

THRU: Steve Christensen, Permit Supervisor *SCC*

FROM: April A. Abate, Environmental Scientist III *GAO*
3/11/13

SUBJECT: 2012 3rd Quarter Water Monitoring, Andalex Resources, Centennial Mine, C/007/0019, Task ID #4168

The Centennial Mine is currently in temporary cessation. No mining or coal processing activities currently take place there. Contemporaneous reclamation has been ongoing at the gas vent well sites on top of the mountain on the Cave and Mathis land as weather permits.

Sections 711.300 pages 7-2 through 7-10 and Appendix L of the MRP pertain to water monitoring. Water sampling locations are shown on Figure IV-11.

1. Were data submitted for all of the MRP required sites? YES NO

Springs

The spring in Deadman Canyon – S18-1 below the confluence of the Left and Right Forks of Deadman Canyon is sampled quarterly.

The spring reported no flow during the third quarter of 2012.

Streams

YES NO

Two stream locations are required for quarterly sampling: Site 18-3 is located in the Left Fork of Deadman Canyon above the confluence with the Right Fork of Deadman Canyon and flows on an ephemeral basis. Site 18-4 represents the right fork of Deadman Canyon below the main surface facilities.

Stream sample 18-3 at the left fork of Deadman wash has not flowed since May 2008, which was right around the same time the mine shut down. Stream sample 18-4 has not flowed since 2005. Both of these sample locations are surface water points located below the mine.

Neither of the streams reported flow for the 3rd quarter of 2012.

Wells YES NO

Well #1 is located in Deadman Canyon and is screened in the Aberdeen Sandstone below the coal seam. Well #1 was sampled on September 30, 2012.

UPDES YES NO

A total of four UPDES discharge outfalls are permitted at the Centennial Mine. Outfall 001 represents the sediment pond discharge location. Outfall 002 represents mine discharge from the Pinnacle Mine portion of the permit area. Outfall 003 represents discharge from the second sediment pond in the permit area. Outfall 004 represents discharge from the Aberdeen Mine. All outfalls are required to be monitored on a monthly basis in accordance with UPDES Permit #UTG040000.

No discharge from any of the outfall locations was reported for the 3rd quarter of 2012. Discharge has not been reported from any of the UPDES locations since June 2008, which was right around the same time the mine shut down.

2. Were all required parameters reported for each site?

Springs YES NO

Not applicable this quarter.

Streams YES NO

Not applicable this quarter.

Wells YES NO

UPDES YES NO

Not applicable this quarter.

3. Were any irregularities found in the data?

Springs and Pond

YES NO

Not applicable this quarter.

Streams

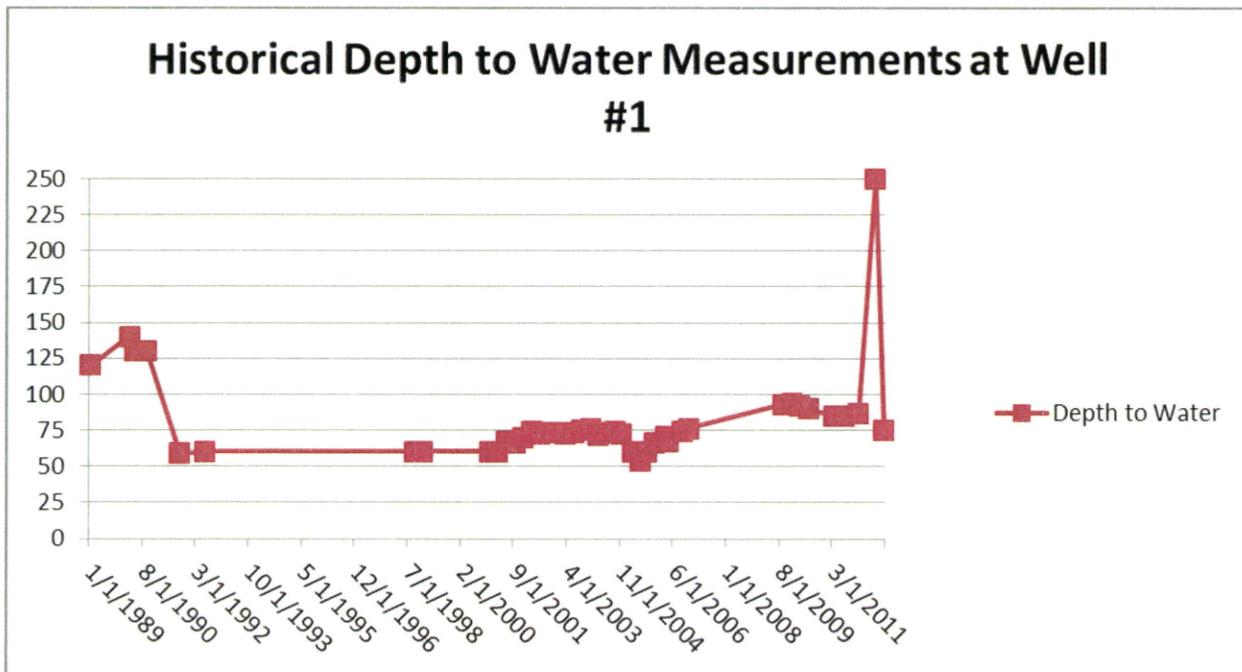
YES NO

Not applicable this quarter.

Wells

YES NO

None. Depth to water levels measured averaged 75 feet, which appears to be consistent with data from previous year's seasonal data. The 250 reading from second quarter was an erroneous measurement.



UPDES

YES NO

Not applicable this quarter. None of the above locations discharged during this quarter.

4. Did the Permittee make a timely submittal of all data, including initially missing data, and satisfactorily explain irregular data?

YES NO

5. Does the Mine Permittee need to submit more information to fulfill this quarter's monitoring requirements?

YES NO

6. Based on your review, what further actions, if any, do you recommend?

The Division would like to observe the sampling of Well #1 and has not had the opportunity to schedule a day. Once sampling access is possible, please call the Division to schedule a day.

7. Follow-up from last quarter, if necessary.

None