

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

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RE: Paved Area, Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc., Horizon Mine, C007/0020, Task ID #2922

SUMMARY:

On February 7, 2008, the Division received a request from the Permittee to pave the access road and parking areas. In telephone and email correspondence with the Division, the Permittee stated that they had paved the areas before submitting the amendment. The Permittee had the work done because the contractor was in the area and having the contractor come back after the Division approved the amendment would have increased the cost. The Division was unaware of the work until after the fact.

The Division requires that the Permittee provide clean copies of the amendment that have certified maps and cross-sections. Specifically, the Division requires that a registered professional engineer certify Plate 3-1 and Plate 3-4.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

OPERATION PLAN

ROAD SYSTEMS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 784.24, 817.150, 817.151; R645-301-521, -301-527, -301-534, -301-732.

Analysis:

Road Classification System

The Permittee met the minimum requirements of this section. The Permittee classified all roads within the disturbed area boundary as primary.

Plans and Drawings

The Permittee met the minimum requirements of this section. The Permittee provided the Division with updated maps of the disturbed area that showed the location of the paved roads and parking lot.

Primary Road Certification

The Permittee submitted Plates 3-1 and Plate 3-4, however neither one were properly certified by a registered professional engineer. The Division will approve the amendment on the condition that the clean copies contain certified maps.

Findings:

The information provided in the proposed amendment is considered adequate. Conditional approval is granted pending submittal of signed copies of Plates 3-1 and 3-4 before April 30, 2008.

RECLAMATION PLAN

BONDING AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

Analysis:

General

The Permittee met the minimum requirements of this section. The Permittee provided the Division with adequate bond calculations. The bond is currently adequate to ensure that the Division could reclaim the site in the event of bond forfeiture.

Findings:

The information provided in the proposed amendment is considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Division should approve the amendment on the condition that the clean copies include certified maps and cross sections.