

WATER QUALITY M E M O R A N D U M Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

THRU: James D. Smith, Permit Supervisor *DS 2 June '10*

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RE: 2009 4th Quarter Water Monitoring, Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc., Horizon Mine, C/007/0020 WQ09-4, Task ID #3436

The Horizon Mine is operational and mining coal. The water-monitoring plan is outlined in Chapter 7 - Hydrology of the MRP, which was most recently updated in June 2005. Surface and groundwater monitoring is required for the Horizon Mine under the operation plan, and monitoring procedures and parameters are discussed in MRP Section 7.1.5 (groundwater) and Section 7.2.2.3 (surface water). UPDES permit UTG040019 authorizes discharges from two outfalls and expires on April 30, 2013.

This report was prepared from monitoring data queried from the UDOGM database. The data that support this report were collected and submitted to the database by the Operator. The data were downloaded into file O:\007020.HZN\Water Quality\Spreadsheets\HZN_21Jun2010.xls for this review.

1. Were data submitted for all of the MRP required sites?

Springs YES [X] NO []

Springs SP-1, SP-2, SP-4, SP-9 (Jewkes Spring), 2-6-W (Homestead Spring) and GV-70 will be monitored once each calendar quarter (when the springs are accessible) during the operational and reclamation phases. Ground water quality parameters to be checked are outlined in Table 7-2 of the MRP.

All required springs were monitored during fourth quarter 2009. No flow was reported for springs SP-1 and SP-4. All other springs were not accessible for monitoring due to snow.

Streams YES [X] NO []

Stations SS-3, SS-5, SS-7, SS-8, SS-10 and SS-11 will be monitored once each quarter (as access conditions permit). Surface water quality parameters are outlined in Table 7-5 of the MRP.

All required stream sites were monitored during fourth quarter 2009. No flow was reported for sites SS-8 and SS-11. Sites SS-3, SS-5, SS-7 and SS-10 were not accessible due to snow. A no-flow observation was also provided for site SS-12 (Beaver Creek above bridge).

Wells **YES [X]** **NO []**

Water level data will be collected during the operational and reclamation phases from wells HZ-95-1, HZ-95-1S, HZ-95-2, HZ-95-3 and HZ-01-06-1 once each quarter, when accessible.

Well HZ-95-3 was reported as dry during fourth quarter 2009. The other monitoring wells were not accessible for water level measurements due to snow.

UPDES **YES [X]** **NO []**

Monthly monitoring is required for the UPDES outfalls associated with the mine discharge (001) and sedimentation pond (002).

UPDES sites were monitored monthly for the quarter and all required data submitted. No flow was reported from the sedimentation pond. Discharge from the underground mine ranged from 310 to 332 gallons per minute.

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 [X]** **NO []**

UPDES **YES [X]** **NO []**

3. Were irregularities found in the data?

Springs **YES []** **NO []**

Not applicable this quarter

Streams YES [] NO []

Not applicable this quarter

Wells YES [] NO [X]

UPDES YES [] NO [X]

4. **On what date does the MRP require a five-year resampling of baseline water data.**

Re-sampling due date is third quarter, July-September 2012.

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

None

Does the Mine Operator need to submit more information to fulfill this quarter's monitoring requirements? YES [] NO [X]

6. **Follow-up from last quarter, if necessary.
Did the Mine Operator submit all the missing and/or irregular data (datum)?**

None needed.