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Recent Meeting with DOGM to Discuss Soil Shortages

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On April 22 Dan Guy, Brenda Schladweiler, and myself meet with DOGM officals to discuss soil re-distribution for final reclamation at C.V. Spur. We informed DOGM that as a result of extensive topsoil and subsoil inventories we have insufficient material to meet our original proposal of 24-inch return depth. Our justification for lack of material centered on the fact that soils at C.V. Spur turned out to be more shallow in some areas than what the original soil survey indicated. As a result, we were not able to strip topsoil and subsoil to the depths originally cited in the M&R Plan.

We told DOGM that adequate reclamation can still be achieved using lessor quantities of topsoil and subsoil. Our baseline studies indicate that vegetation on the site is shallow rooted due to the close proximity of Manco Shale to the soil surface. Therefore, the new soil return depth will closely parallel what occurred naturally prior to disturbance.

DOGM accepted our explanation for the shortage of topsoil and subsoil. They advised us to propose an even re-distribution of available material for final reclamation in our response to the ACR comments. Brenda will be re-writing the soil re-distribution and reclamation plans to reflect the new topsoil and subsoil return depths.

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