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June 8, 1992

Mr. Dan Guy, Manager
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Dear Mr. Guy:

Re: Midterm Review Items #9 and #10, Mountain Coal Company, C.V. Spur Coal Loading and Processing Facility, ACT/007/022, Folder #2 and #3, Carbon County, Utah

Pursuant to the May 28, 1992 submittal relative to the above-noted items in the mid-term review, item #9 should be approved. However, there are still issues with item #10. I have enclosed a memo that outlines this problem.

Please respond to this deficiency by June 25, 1992.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Grubaugh-Littig".

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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June 5, 1992

TO: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Ken Wyatt, Reclamation Hydrologist *KW*

RE: May 28, 1992 Response to Midterm Review items 9 and 10, Mountain Coal Company (MCC), C.V. Spur Mine, ACT\007\022, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

SYNOPSIS

On April 15, 1992, the Division received a response to the C.V. Spur midterm review. This submittal responded to items 9 and 10 of the midterm review. A Division review letter dated May 15, 1992, listed several concerns which were responded to by MCC in the May 28, 1992 submittal. This memo reviews this most recent proposal.

ANALYSIS

The operator is requesting that the C.V. Spur MRP be amended to install markers in all of the sediment ponds. These markers would be color coded to indicate when the 60 % sediment cleanout level has been reached. The operator proposes to monitor the sediment level on these markers on a monthly basis. This is a good idea in lieu of reduced personnel at this property since anyone can easily check the sediment level.

For item number 10, the operator proposes to allow minor depressions to exist on the surface of the refuse pile due to the large size of the refuse pile and the sporadic placement of material onto this pile. These low areas will be less than 18 inches deep and smaller than 50 foot radius. The operator intends to maintain the surface configuration to promote positive drainage and commits to regrading this pile regularly to remove any such depressions. A depression of this size could contain 3925 cubic feet of water. Item 10 cannot be approved with the size of the small depressions listed as such.

RECOMMENDATION

Item number 9 is consistent with the regulations. I recommend that the submittal for items #9 be approved.

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In response to item number 10, the operator states that small depressions 100 feet in diameter may exist on the refuse pile surface. I think that the wording here should be changed to avoid the use of "depressions" and maybe read that the surface will not be smooth but will have uneven areas due to the sporadic placement of material onto this pile. The statement about depressions will inevitably cause problems in the future. The statement about maintaining the overall slope on the refuse pile surface to provide positive drainage is good and should be retained.