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Mr. Carl Pollastro
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RE: Banning Siding
Soldier Creek Coal Company
Carbon County, Utah
ACT/007/023

Dear Carl:

The Division staff has completed a cursory review of the operating plan for the Banning Siding Loadout facility. Soldier Creek Coal Company is requested to address the following review comments.

1. Submit a map showing,
 - a. The loadout facilities,
 - b. areas to be reseeded in the fall of 1979,
 - c. the location of the proposed berms,
 - d. the flow patterns of rainstorm runoff, and
 - e. areas of runoff ponding.
2. Infiltration studies would be helpful in determining the effect of containment of runoff by berming the disturbed area. The Division staff can aid in these studies, if deemed necessary.
3. Was any topsoil or surface soil saved and stockpiled during construction and subsequent alterations for reclamation purposes?

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4. Have any soil analyses or soil mapping been done? These are both helpful in planning revegetation work.
5. Revegetation plans need more detail. Please address the:
 - a. Seed mix,
 - b. Seeding rate and method,
 - c. Site preparation methods,
 - d. Soil amendments,
 - e. Mulching, and
 - f. Monitoring.
6. Air Quality Control practices and monitoring plans need more detail and a description of how they will be implemented.

The Division awaits Soldier Creek Coal Company's responses to these comments and also the submittal of the water monitoring plans for the Soldier Canyon Mine and the Banning Siding. If there are any questions, please contact the Division.

Sincerely,



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