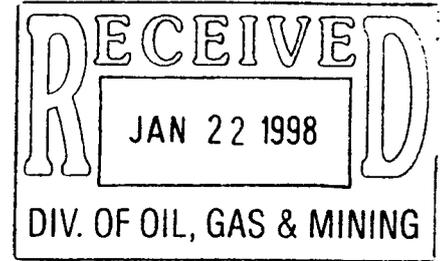


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RE: Determination of Administrative Completeness for Permit Renewal, Sunnyside
Cogeneration Associates, Sunnyside Refuse & Slurry, ACT/007/035-97PR, Folder #~~1~~ 2
Carbon County, UT

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Lettig:

We have reviewed the subject permit renewal and offer the following comments:

- Page 300-5; the bald eagle was downlisted to a threatened species in a Final Rule issued July 12, 1995.
- Figure 3-5 should also include the peregrine falcon, a federally listed endangered species, as occurring in Carbon County.
- Raptor surveys should be conducted by the company to determine nest site locations in relation to permit activities. Surveys extending to a one-half mile radius of the permit area would provide adequate coverage.
- Measures should be taken to ensure that unauthorized discharges into Grassy Trail Creek do not occur. Proper containment of coal and ash piles is essential to reduce potential contamination of the creek.
- Grassy Trail Creek supports rainbow trout. Sufficient water should be retained within the creek to sustain the trout fishery.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this permit renewal. If you have any comments, please contact Jim Muck or Laura Romin of this office at (801) 524-5001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reed E. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Reed E. Harris

Utah Field Supervisor

cc: Ben Morris, Habitat Biologist, Utah Division Wildlife Resources, 475 West Price River Drive, Suite C, Price, UT 84501-2860