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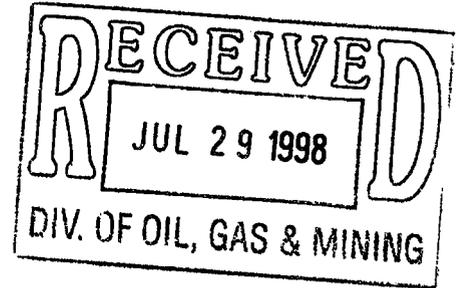


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RE: Notice of Intent to Conduct Minor Coal Exploration, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC., Dugout Canyon Mine, ACT 007/039-98A, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

The permittee has now requested to drill at four sites. These drill sites will use a combination of pre-existing roads: old drill roads, private roads, timber roads, BLM, and State Lands roads.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

ENGINEERING

Regulatory Reference: R645-202.232,235,236

Analysis:

There are several landowners of roads being used to gain excess to the four drill sites. They are BLM, private, and state lands. The permittee has received approval to use these roads from the appropriate parties. These roads are for limited time use, and therefore, are ancillary roads to the site. The exception is the main road which is County. The permittee has sufficiently addressed the requirements of the engineering requirements of the roads being used for excess to the drill sites.

Findings:

The permittee has met the requirements of the engineering section of the Exploration Letter of Intent.

RECOMMENDATION:

This amendment is recommended for approval with the stipulation that states, "All areas where the cat blade meets the ground for road grading will be ripped and seeded upon reclamation."

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