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From: Jeffrey Studenka
To: Hess, Pete
Date: 11/27/2006 10:11 AM
Subject: Re: Questions relative to a couple of Mines

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CC: Grubaugh-Littig, Pam; Herkimer, Mike
Pete,

1) Regarding Dugout Mine: Yes, you are correct as any salt storage and usage would be handled thru their SW permit, which is actually part of their UPDES permit. Basically they would need to use BMPs to minimize and/or eliminate run-off and the additional salt could potentially contribute to their TDS loading limitations if they were to actually discharge from the waste rock area (outfall 004). I saw and read about the accident they had, so I can understand their concern with keeping the roads clear as well as maintaining their permit requirements. Deer Creek Mine uses a salt-sand mixture to keep the roads clear and balance the salt loading limitations. Good management and house keeping is the key here.

2) Regarding the Willow Creek Mine site: I do know about the ownership transfer to CEU, as Pam, Dennis Ware and I have chatted on this a few times. To my knowledge, CEU has not applied for any UPDES permits. As I understand it, the sed. pond is still under PMC's responsibility until I hear from Pam (DOGM) otherwise. At which time, CEU may or may not assume the responsibilities. I do not think that they are required to take over the UPDES permit, but if they don't and 001 does discharge, then they will be in violation. I believe it is CEU's decision to make.

Thanks for the info and let me know if you have further questions.
-Jeff

>>> Pete Hess 11/24/2006 10:52 AM >>>
Jeff...

Two questions...

1) Dugout Mine has a concern about using road salt on their waste rock site access road for obvious reasons of big truck safety. Runoff from the area is only treated by silt fences. The question is relative to permitting and how it should be handled. I referred Ms. Vicky Miller (Dugout rep) to you, as I think this (as well as salt storage) would probably be handled through the Mine's storm water permit...

2) The Main facilities at the Willow Creek Mine is now the property of the College of Eastern Utah / Western Energy Training Center. The sediment pond which treats the runoff from these facilities remains within the jurisdiction of Plateau Mining Company and the DOGM. Has CEU applied for, or do they already have a storm water permit for this WETC training facility water shed ? I assume the sediment pond will be transferred to them to become part of the WETC storm water permit at some point....have they applied for this, or is this something they even need / still need to do ?

Thanks, Jeff...