

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
Dugout Canyon Mine

Methane Degassification Amendment
~~September~~ **November** 19, 2007

CHAPTER 2 SOILS

File in:

- Confidential
- Shelf
- Expandable

Refer to Record No 0066 Date 11-20-07

In Case 70039, 2007, Subpoena

For additional information

The topsoil stockpile will be constructed in such a manner as to allow access for repair of the pile surfaces and diversion structures.

Wind and Water Erosion Protection - The topsoil stockpile will be protected from water erosion by berms, which trap sediment runoff from the stockpile. The berms have been designed to completely contain the 10-year 24-hour storm event (see Attachment 7-1). The stockpile will be surface pitted, gouged and/or roughened and revegetated using the grass seeds listed in Table 3-2 to prevent wind erosion.

Topsoil Redistribution - Stockpile soil will not be moved until redistribution during contemporaneous or final reclamation operations unless approved by the Division.

At well pad G-19 a portion of the salvaged topsoil will be stored on a fork of the existing road. There is no topsoil remaining on the road and the road will remain following reclamation of the G-19 pad site. Wide flagging will be used as a marker to identify the separate between the road surface and the stored topsoil. Landowner correspondence pertaining to topsoil storage on the existing road is contained in Attachment 2-3.

Cross-sections of topsoil piles STP-1 thru STP-7 are shown on Plates 2 and 3, in Attachment 5-4. As-built cross sections with horizontal and vertical scales equal with two perpendicular cross sections provided for each of the topsoil stockpiles will be submitted within 30 days following the completion of the construction of topsoil stockpiles STP-1 thru STP-10 7-(Attachment 5-4, Plate 4). The perpendicular cross sections will extend through the area where the stockpiles join the road.

234.300 Topsoil Stockpile Relocation

Stockpiled soil in jeopardy of being detrimentally affected in terms of its quantity and quality by drilling operations may be temporarily redistributed or relocated on approval by the Division and modification of this M&RP.

240 RECLAMATION PLAN

As-built cross section where both horizontal and vertical scales are equal will be provided within 30 days of completion of the AMV road construction. The as-built road cross sections provided would be drawn at stations ~~0+00, 15+00, 30+00, 45+00 and 53+00~~ **0+15, 15+35, 33+81, 39+62, 45+49 and 51+07** on the section of the road leading to G-31. On the section of the road leading to G-18 the proposed cross sections will be at station ~~5+00, 12+00 and 18+00~~ **0+44, 5+22, 10+05 and 12+40**. In addition, an as-built road profile will be provided within 30 days of completion of the AMV road construction

241 General Information

Reclamation of the degassification sites (topsoil redistribution, amendments, and stabilization) is discussed in Sections 242, 243, and 244 respectively.

242 Soil Redistribution

242.100 Soil Redistribution Practices

The topsoil will be placed after recontouring of the site has occurred. Topsoil will be handled when they are loose or in a friable condition. The moisture content will be visually monitored and water will be added as needed to enhance the soil's condition for handling. The approximate amount of topsoil available for each site is shown in Table 2-1. The reclamation time line can be found on Figure 5-15 for sites G-2 and G-3 and on Figure 5-26 for sites G-4 thru G-19 and G-31. Figure 5-26 has been revised to include the access road (AMV).

The topsoil will be distributed in two phases at well site G-2, the first phase will be the contemporaneous reclamation of a portion of the pad area used during well construction (see Figures 5-4, 5-8 and 5-12). During contemporaneous reclamation topsoil from the stockpile will be distributed in the depths shown in Table 2-3.

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CHAPTER 5 ENGINEERING

542.100 Reclamation Timetable

A timetable for the completion of each major step in the reclamation plan is presented in Figure 5-15 (G-2 and G-5) and 5-26 (G-3, G-4, G-6 thru G-19, G-31 and the AMV access road). Per Task ID #2408, "the Division requires notification and a reasonably specific time to initiate the reclamation activities associated with degassification well sites." In addition to the two figures referenced above, information pertaining to reclamation timing for methane degas wells is provided in Attachment 5-2 of this amendment.

542.200 Plan for Backfilling, Soil Stabilization, Compacting, and Grading

Following completion of the venting activities, the well site will be prepared for contouring and soil distribution. Details regarding topsoil placement and revegetation are provided in Section 242 and Section 353, respectively.

Sedimentation Pond Removal and Interim Sediment Control - See Section 542.500 of this submittal.

542.300 Final Surface Configuration Maps and Cross Sections

The sites will be regraded to the approximate original contour, the contours representing the pre-disturbance topography also represent the reclamation topography. Refer to Figures 5-2, 5-6, 5-10, 5-18, 5-21, 5-24, 5-28 and Attachment 5-1 (G-8 thru G-19 and G-31) to see cross sections representing the final surface configuration. Refer to Attachment 5-4, Plates 1 thru 3 for the surface configuration of the road and cross sections showing pre-mining, operational and post-mining contours. **Selected as-built cross sections are shown on Plate 4, Attachment 5-4.**