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>>> Daron Haddock Tuesday, May 05, 2009 5:29 PM >>>

I also spoke with Ralph Bohn who is the Environmental Manager for the Solid Waste section of DEQ. I explained the situation at the West Ridge Mine and that they had discharged coal fines outside of their permit area and that the fines had created a sludge in the stream. I indicated that they had implemented a clean up process and we are trying to determine the appropriate location for disposal of the sludge material. I indicated that the mine company wanted to dispose of it in their DOGM permitted waste rock disposal facility at the Wildcat loadout. He indicated that he had no problem with them disposing it in the permitted waste rock site. He felt it was appropriate for disposal of coal mine waste. Otherwise, he did indicate that disposal could also happen at ECDC or the Emery county landfill or the Nielson construction landfill that is also permitted to accept mine waste. He did say that Carbon county's landfill was not permitted to accept mine waste. The Excelsior logs could be disposed of in a permitted solid waste landfill (ECDC, Emery county, or Nielson).

>>> Steve Christensen 5/5/2009 1:44 PM >>>

Quick f.y.i.- I spoke with Jeff Stedenka from DWQ this morning. I asked him if West Ridge's UPDES permit would need to be revised in the event that sub-catchments A, C, E and F were to remain on site for an extended period of time. The short answer is "no". As far as DWQ is concerned, their interest is solely in what comes out of the pipe when it hits daylight. The idea behind that is that discharge water could potentially pick up other contaminants/pollutants/issues (beyond the end of the outfall pipe) that are not produced or related to the mine's activity.

Steve