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THRU: Joe Helfrich, Permit Supervisor

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RE: Schedule for Revised Reclamation Plans, Consolidation Coal Company, Hidden Valley Mine, ACT/015/007-97A, Green Book, Emery County, Utah

REVEGETATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 785.18, 817.111, 817.113, 817.114, 817.116; R645-301-244, -301-353, -301-354, -301-355, -301-356, -302-280, -302-281, -302-282, -302-283, -302-284.

Analysis:

General Requirements

The operator has committed to reaffecting portions of the 6.7 acres of disturbance which was unsuccessfully revegetated. This decision has been made based on several studies of the area seeded in 1986 and again in 1989. Seven years after the last seeding efforts many areas are meeting less than 50 percent of the revegetation success standard.

The operator has committed (page 59) to soil sampling and analysis by April 15, 1997, permit change application by June 30, 1997, and site activity by November 15, 1997. The plan may incorporate a phased revegetation of the site from 1997 to 1999. The operator is aware that this activity is considered augmentive and will restart the period of extended responsibility for successful vegetation.

Findings:

The permittee is in compliance with the above reviewed portion of the requirements of this section.

cc: Permit Binder