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TO: John Whitehead, Permit Supervisor
FROM: James R. Fricke, Reclamation Hydrologist *JRF*
RE: Coal Exploration Proposal (less than 250 tons), Beaver Creek Coal Company, Trail Mountain No. 9 Mine, CEP/015/009-87A, Emery County, Utah

Synopsis

On April 27, 1988 Beaver Creek Coal Company responded to the conditional approval (6/1/87) for coal exploration at the Trail Mountain mine. On June 1, 1987 conditional approval was granted to Trail Mountain Coal Company. Beaver Creek Coal Company has since purchased the mine.

Three boreholes were proposed for the exploration program. An additional borehole has been included in the April 27, 1988 exploration plan.

Analysis

The operator has adequately responded to stipulations 1 thru 4 in the June 1, 1987 conditional approval. The additional proposed borehole has been located on the proper map. The operator has committed to a cultural resource survey for the additional borehole pad and access road.

Recommendations

The operator should submit one complete coal exploration proposal. Modifications to the 1987 exploration plan were submitted as a separate document, review of the entire permit requires the amended proposal and the original proposal.

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