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RE: Removal of Revegetation Test Plots, Beaver Creek Coal Company, Trail Mountain #9 Mine, ACT/015/009, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Synopsis & Analysis

Beaver Creek Coal Company is requesting removal of the revegetation test plots to make room for the bath house installation. The test plots were established in 1984 and have been monitored yearly. The vegetative cover of the test plots equals or exceeds that of the corresponding reference area. The test plots appear to have demonstrated that the soil material is adequate for plant growth.

Recommendation

The operator should be allowed to remove the test plots. As agreed, the operator must take soil samples from the plots prior to removal. All soil and vegetation data (1984-1990) must be summarized, discussed and submitted in the 1990 annual report. A final revegetation seed mixture must be recommended as a result of the vegetation sampling.

Additionally, the rooting zone of the test plots soil must be salvaged and stored in the topsoil storage pile.

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