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TO: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Henry Sauer, Senior Reclamation Soils Specialist 

RE: New Surface Facilities Amendment, PacifiCorp, Trail Mountain Mine, ACT/015/009-93E, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

**Synopsis**

The permittee has responded (received August 20, 1993) to the technical deficiencies enumerated in my July 27, 1993 memo to Pamela Grubaugh-Littig.

The permittee's response to Division comments is adequate. Therefore, Amendment ACT/015/009-93E is recommended for approval.

**Analysis**

The permittee contends that topsoil within the proposed disturbance is of limited depth and its salvage would result in an inordinate amount of disturbance when compare to the volume of material which would be salvaged.

Based on the soil resource information provided in the permit this writer concurs with the permittee's demonstration of limited topsoil depth. Therefore, as allowed in R645-301-232.710, the Division will grant the permittee's request to not remove topsoil from the proposed disturbance associated with the aforementioned amendment. In addition, given the steep slope conditions, a disproportionate amount of disturbance would be created by removing topsoil from the proposed disturbance and therefore contrary to minimizing surface disturbance.

**Recommendation**

Approve Amendment ACT/015/009-93E.

