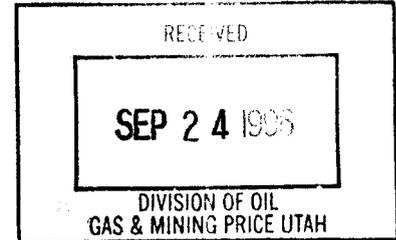


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Attention: Mr. Bill Malencik

**RE: AMENDMENT, NON-COAL WASTE STORAGE AREA AND  
DESIGNATION, PACIFICORP, TRAIL MOUNTAIN MINE, ACT/015/009, #2  
EMERY COUNTY, UTAH**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, request an amendment to allow relocation of the non-coal waste storage area at the Trail Mountain Mine.

On August 27, 1996 a NOV ( 96-26-2-1 ) was issued to the Trail Mountain Mine, involving failure to utilize the designated area for non-coal waste and to identify on official documents where waste material should be located.

**Background Information:**

The existing location for non-coal waste deposit is at the south end of the surface yard. The mine entrance and travelway are located more on the north end of the yard. The travel distance from the mine entrance to the designated site is one quarter of a mile compared to one tenth of a mile to the proposed relocated site. Most trash (non-coal waste) is removed from underground by scoops, referred to as ram cars. These ram cars are slow moving, whereby the relocated area saves time. Ram cars do not have the capability to raise there buckets into the air more than a few feet, thus requiring discharge of the trash material onto the ground. Then surface loaders can scoop the material into dumpsters or waiting trucks. The relocated site has a solid rock backwall, providing a means of containment and support while scooping material from the ground. The existing, designated non-coal waste area does not have the advantage of a backwall or any confinement.

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Amendment Proposal:

It is proposed that the mine be allowed continued use of the location as cited on the NOV 96-26-2-1, but with the intent of adding concrete wing walls, which will further define the confinement area and improve front end loading of the waste materials.

A 8 1/2" x 11" Drawing # 1, of the proposed installation and approximate location is attached for your information.

A 8 1/2" x 11" Drawing # 2, depicts the Engineering Design and structural layout of the wing walls. This drawing is for your general information.

The surface facility map TMS-1362-D, will depict and designate the exact location of the non-coal waste material site at the mine (Defined as Non-coal waste area). A copy of this revised drawing will be provided after construction of the wing walls is complete.

The reclamation cost estimate has been addressed and seven copies of the revised pages are attached for your review. The following list reflects those pages to be changed. The revisions are highlighted.

Volume 1, Chapter 3, Table 3-4, Pages 3-72.1, 3-76.

Volume 1, Chapter 3, Table 3-5, Page 3-81.

Procedures to be used will involve, dumping waste material on the ground in the designated location and removed by front end loaders to trash trucks to be hauled from the property to an approved disposal site. Non-Coal Waste Material will be confined to the new designated area .

Please call Richard Northrup at 687-4822 or myself at 687-4722 if there are any questions or concerns related to this amendment.

Sincerely,  
  
for  
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Sr. Environmental Engineer