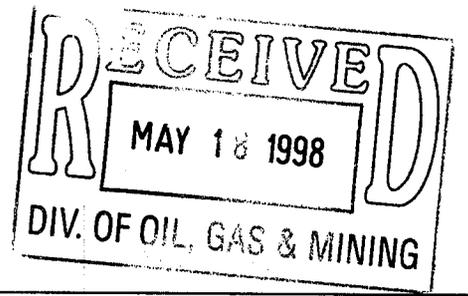


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May 15, 1998

Utah Coal Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
Attn. Mary Ann Wright
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Dear Ms. Wright:

Copy Mary Ann, Ron

Re: Proposed Rule Change: *124.300 Confidentiality:
124.340 Information on the nature and location of listed or proposed
endangered or threatened species of plants or animals or their
critical habitats listed pursuant to the Endangered Species Act
of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)*

As Daron explained in a letter dated November 17, 1997, the current coal mining rules (R645-301-124) require the Division to make available for public inspection and copying all applications for permit changes; permit renewals; and transfers, assignments or sales of permit rights. With exception of a few specified items, coal quality and archeological resources, all information is required to be on public file. This rule requires the coal operators to submit data which other State and Federal agencies consider "sensitive".

During the 1997 raptor monitoring program, the Division of Wildlife Resources in consultation with U.S. Fish & Wildlife, requested that the raptor survey information remain confidential. To alleviate this predicament, the Environmental Subcommittee meet with the Division to discuss alternatives to submitting sensitive information. It became apparent during our discussions, that sensitive information pertained not only to raptors but also to the nature and location of listed or proposed endangered or threatened species of plants or animals or their critical habitats. The Environmental Subcommittee recommended that the Division revise the coal rules to expand the definition of confidential information.

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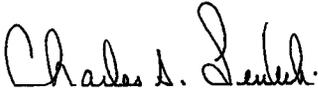
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The Environmental Subcommittee received the proposed rule change on March 24, 1998. During the regular scheduled meeting held on the April 16, 1998, the Subcommittee voted unanimously to support the proposed rule change as proposed by the Division.

Sincerely,



Charles Semborski

Environmental Subcommittee Chairman

cc: Ken May, Canyon Fuel Company, Coal Operators: Chairman
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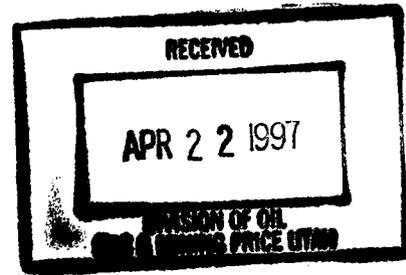
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Attention : Mr. Bill Malencik

**Re: Main Gate Relocation, PacifiCorp, Trail Mountain Mine, ACT/015/009-97A,
Folder # 2, Emery County, Utah.**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, herewith submit the As-Built drawing of the Trail Mountain surface facility as requested, the shaded area removed. This drawing brings the Surface Facility Drawing up to date and ready for incorporation into the permit. Please stamp your approval date and return a copy to Energy West.

Please find seven copies of the drawing update for your distribution.

Thank you again for your help and assistance in completing the above amendment. If there are any questions or concerns please call Charles Semborski at 687-4720 or Richard Northrup at 687-4822 at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Richard Northrup for Charles A. Semborski'.

Charles A. Semborski
Geology/Environmental Supervisor

cc: Blake Webster
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