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RE: 1996 Annual Report, Consolidation Coal Company, Emery Deep Mine
ACT/015/015, File #6, Emery County, Utah

Summary

The Division determined that the 1996 annual report for the Emery Deep Mine is Adequate with respect to engineering issues.

Analysis

The three engineering issues in the annual report are:

- Subsidence
- Impoundments
- Refuse Piles

Subsidence

In October 1996, the Permittee surveyed the subsidence monitoring stations. The survey data for the 1996 report showed only elevation changes. All stations showed minor elevation changes, less than 0.2 feet. The Division has determined that the information in the subsidence report is adequate.

The Permittee labeled the 1996 subsidence report The Emery Mine Subsidence Monitoring Report -- 1995. They clearly label the subsidence data 1996 so the 1995 date in the title must be a mistake. The Division determined that we should take no action on that mistake.

Impoundments

The Permittee did not include any impoundment inspection reports in the 1996 annual report. The inspection reports are on file. The Division reviewed the inspection reports for 1996 and determined the Permittee adequately inspected the ponds. The inspection reports state that no problems exist at any of the impoundments.

Refuse Piles

The Permittee did not include any refuse pile inspection reports in the 1996 annual report. The refuse pile inspection reports are on file. The Division reviewed their mine inspection reports for 1996. Those reports show that the Permittee properly inspected the refuse pile in 1996. The Permittee stated that the refuse piles were stable and they noted no safety or environmental problems.

Recommendation

The Division should accept the 1996 annual report for the Emery Deep Mine.