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On September 27, 2005 at 7:20 am, I arrived at the Emery Deep mine site to look for active prairie dog areas over the panel which was to have the pillars pulled. I met Russell Hardy, Mining Engineer for this site. We walked the area and noted the following:

- area of prior subsidence with some dog holes in the area of subsidence
- repaired subsidence cracks
- several mounds and individual holes, some with recent activity and some not.
- a mound with few holes and a lot of scuffing (attempts to dig)
- prairie dog scats at two holes
- one enlarged predator-type hole
- no scats or pellets of owls

Having viewed the already subsided area and the area to be subsided, it did not appear that pulling pillars should be a major concern as an impact to the dogs or their predators. I called Pam and let her know this and am copying her on this email.

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