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Des Bee Inspectors:

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I spoke with Chuck this morning. He and Dennis are re-evaluating the suitability of the surface material on the east and west slopes above the drainage between Sta 1+00 and 2+00 and may put additional six inches of cover soil on top. We had a very frank discussion about this surface material and whether it fit into the scheme described on Table 5, page 13 of App XV. It does not. It was uncovered as the drainage was excavated.

He readily admits that he is avoiding excavation of another bathhouse trench because of the time and expense. I made the point that if he decides there is better material than that outlined in Table 5, he needs to substantiate that with laboratory analysis of the soil, i.e. pH, EC, texture, SAR and field analysis of % coal. He said that was his intention.

Currently, there is about 2,500 cu yds of substitute topsoil stored on site from the southern bathhouse trench, and 2,000 cu yds stored as the best excavated from the Tipple yard. About 1,600 cu yds from Phase I and the 1st Change Order site was used on the Deseret pad and access road area.

Table 5 outlines the source of substitute topsoil. The Permittee has an obligation to generate quality substitute topsoil for cover and has identified the potential for excavation of 17,000 cu yds from the bathhouse pad. I think that all inspectors should be aware of this. Also, all inspectors should be aware of the commitment to document the stockpiling and use of substitute topsoil as noted on page 14 of Chap 2, App XV.

Chuck was also talking about another change to the approved plan to disturb the entire northern bathhouse outslope, rather than 35' of the upper outslope.

This would mean a disturbance of 80' wide X 300' Long on the northern bathhouse pad outslope. Mainly this disturbance is for the convenience of the trackhoe operator who could exit the slope from below after it is poked. It would also supply some additional substitute topsoil for the main drainage below.

I asked him to supply the Division with a photograph and a description, as we did for the first change order. Because the soils of the bathhouse slope are the best in the permit area, this is not a soils issue, but rather an engineering one (slope stability). So I asked him to have it approved by the team engineer, that's Pete.

If it all moves as fast as it has the last two weeks, I think that these issues will all be resolved when I return on April 7. Thanks for your diligence in this matter!

Priscilla.

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Southern Bathhouse Reclamation:

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Main Channel Construction:

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Chuck

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