

May 7, 2003

TO: Internal File  
THRU: Jim Smith, Team Lead  
FROM: Wayne H. Western, Environmental Scientist III  
RE: Mid-term review, PacifiCorp, Des-Bee-Dove Mine, C/015/017-MT03

**SUMMARY:**

The Division is required to review each active permit during its term, in accordance with R645-303-211. This review is to take place at the midpoint of the permit term, which is February 28, 2003 for the Des-Bee Dove Mine. The item that will be discussed in the engineering section of the midterm report is bonding. The Division found that the bond amount is adequate to insure reclamation.

**TECHNICAL MEMO**

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# **RECLAMATION PLAN**

## **BONDING AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 800; R645-301-800, et seq.

### **Analysis:**

#### **Determination of Bond Amount**

As part of the midterm, the Division reviewed the reclamation bond. The first part of the reclamation bond analysis is to determine if any additional work has been done that would require bonding. During the onsite visit the Division found no additional disturbance that required bonding.

Currently the Permittee is backfilling and grading the site. The Permittee hopes to be able to apply for Phase I bond release by fall.

The second part of bond evaluation during the midterm is to determine if sufficient bond exists so that in the event of bond forfeiture the Division could reclaim the site. The current reclamation cost estimate for the DesBeeDove mine is \$1,246,000. The current bond amount is \$1,837,712. Therefore, the bond amount is adequate to cover the cost of reclamation.

### **Findings:**

The Permittee has met the minimum requirements for the bonding section of the regulations.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Division should consider the bond amount adequate and not take any further action.