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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Enclosed for submittal are the 4th Quarter 1989 Engineering Reports for Deer Creek, Cottonwood/Wilberg and Des-Bee-Dove Waste Rock Disposal Sites. Please find also, the 4th Quarter 1989 Report of the Deer Creek Elk Canyon Storage Pad submittal.

Sincerely,



David Smaldone
Director of Permitting,
Compliance and Services

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DEER CREEK
ACT/015/018
WASTE ROCK DISPOSAL SITE
4TH QUARTER 1989

INTRODUCTION

The original site is located on the north east end of the material storage yard and now serves as an area for material storage. Its storage capacity was approximately 90,000 cubic yards.

The current area for waste rock storage is located approximately 2.5 miles from the mine site in Huntington Canyon, more specifically in sections 5 and 6, T.17 S., R.8 E. SLM. When completed this site will contain approximately 1.3 million cubic yards of waste rock.

OPERATION

During the quarter approximately 6,240 cubic yards of waste rock material were dumped at the Deer Creek Waste Rock Storage Facility in Huntington Canyon. Twice during the quarter the site was leveled and the trash and extraneous material was sorted and removed from the site.

INSPECTION

This inspection covered the inactive original storage facility as well as the current facility including the construction of the waste pile, the perimeter berms, and the underdrain. No signs of instability were found in any of the waste piles but some minor tension cracks did exist at the crest of the perimeter berms. These will be monitored to determine if they are just settlement related or if slope stability is in jeopardy.

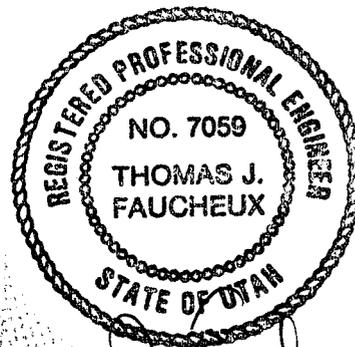
The underdrain was discharging less than one gallon per minute at the time of the inspection. Another wet seep area was located south of the detention basin. There was no flow observed at the time of the inspection. Excavation and backfilling around the wet area will be conducted next summer if the problem appears to worsen.

Additionally the detention basin and spillway were inspected for any signs of weakness or instability. The water in the basin was frozen over but no evidence of weakness was observed other than the wet seep mentioned above.

Inspection of the facility for structural stability was performed on December 27, 1989. Inspection of the operation of the facility was done on a continual basis.

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the waste rock sites for the Deer Creek Mine are constructed and maintained as designed and in accordance with the approved plan and Utah Coal Mining Rules. I do also certify that there is no evidence of instability, structural weakness, or other hazardous condition except as noted herein.



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DEER CREEK
ELK CANYON STORAGE PAD
ACT/015/018
4TH QUARTER 1989

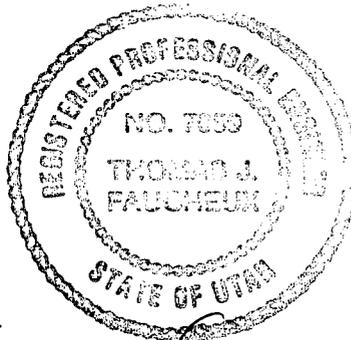
SLOPE STABILITY INSPECTION

The Elk Canyon Storage Pad was modified in 1988 to provide additional storage space for run of mine coal. The fill structure was constructed of underground development waste and coal processing waste. An estimated 24,000 cubic yards of material was used to construct the fill pad.

During the quarter approximately 100 cubic yards of trommel screen rejects were added to the structure. Construction of a retaining wall northwest of the fill required removal of a portion of the toe of the fill for access. This was replaced during the quarter to restore the slope to its original shape.

The inspection of the storage pad for structural stability was done on December 27, 1989. Inspection of the construction and repair of the fill slopes will take place as work progresses.

I do hereby certify that the Elk Canyon Storage Pad is constructed and maintained as designed and in accordance with the approved plan. I also certify that the facility shows no signs of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions other than those noted above.



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