

June 3, 1997

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Attention: Mr. Joe Helfrich

**Re: Waste Water Absorption Field Amendment, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine,
ACT/015/018, Emery County, Utah**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, submits an amendment to the existing waste water absorption field system.

Recent inspections of the Deer Creek Mine waste water disposal system indicate that new lateral seepage pits off the existing main six inch (6") sewer pipeline from the mine need to be installed and the existing lateral seepage pits need to be taken out of service. Reference is made to the permit drawings DS-667-C and DS-668-C, attached for your review; and a new drawing DS1704B, which reflects the existing seepage pit lines, the proposed new lines and the proposed excavation areas for the test pits. This drawing will be used in conjunction with drawing DS-667-C in Volume 5, Packet 3-11, of the permit, upon approval.

The Southeastern District Health Department was contacted, and they informed Energy West that various soil tests are required before a final design can be approved. The required tests include Soil Classification and Percolation. It is proposed that three test areas be excavated according to drawing DS1704B. Each location will be approximately ten feet (10') long by ten feet (10') deep and approximately two feet (2') wide. Energy West will need approval from the Division to implement the excavation of these test locations.

A letter or verbal approval from the Division stating that it is acceptable to perform these excavation test pits is hereby requested.

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The amendment to the Mine Reclamation Permit (MRP) would be satisfied when all pertinent data is collected and submitted to the Division as part of the amendment, including a reply from the Health Department based on the results of the Soil Classification and Percolation tests. No excavation work will be performed until approval from the Health Department is received and the amendment has been approved by the Division.

Project Description:

Excavation of the top two feet (2') of the existing seepage lines to the connection of four inch (4") and the six inch (6") main sewer line will occur in order to cap off the pipelines. After capping the existing lines, the excavated material will be restored into its original location.

Top soil will be removed to a depth of at least one foot (1') within the seepage pit alignment area and placed upon brattice cloth along side each seepage pit to protect the vegetation surrounding each pit. Thereafter, the subsoil material will be removed to provide a maximum depth of 8' feet, the material from the new seepage lines will be placed and stockpiled as shown on drawing DS1704B . One foot (1') of topsoil will also be removed in the area where the subsoil is to be stored and will be stockpiled as shown on drawing DS1704B. It should be noted that the stockpile volumes are based solely on approximations of the amount of material to be excavated and may vary slightly in size. The seepage lines will then be backfilled as also specified on drawing DS1704B.

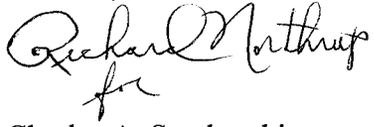
The topsoil contained on the brattice will be replaced in the top one foot (1') of the new seepage lines. The topsoil above the seepage lines and the subsoil and topsoil stockpiles will be prepared for seeding (as outlined in the permit) and curlex blankets will be placed to help with erosion control.

Reclamation costs for this project are estimated to be \$7,766.00. Details are included under item 18, page 4-65.7, volume 2, of the permit.

Please find attached seven copies of drawing DS-667-C and drawing DS-668-C for your review these are permit drawings; and seven copies of drawing DS1704B as a new drawing to be used in conjunction with drawing DS-667-C in the permit (Packet 3-11, of Volume 5). Also find attached seven copies of page 3-38, of Volume 2, Part 3, which is revised to reflect information related to drawing DS1704B and required to clarify changes to the permit. Page 4-65.5.1 volume 2, part 4, has been added to reflect the reclamation cost increase for the drain field work, please find seven copies attached. Page 4-65.7, part 4, volume 2 has been revised to reflect the cost changes from page 4-65.5.1, seven copies are attached.

Your help and assistance is requested in completing the documentation necessary to expedite this project.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Richard Northrup in cursive script.

Charles A. Semborski
Geology/Environmental Supervisor

cc: Carl Pollastro
Blake Webster
Barbara Adams (file)
Pete Hess (Division)