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Dennis Oakley, Environmental Engineer  
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RE: Sedimentation Pond Cleaning, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Oakley:

I have completed the review of your submittal which was received in this office on September 30, 1997. After several conversations with you and Mr. John Christensen plus a fax or two, I have made the following determination:

1) Decanting of the sediment pond effluent

Although this procedure is different from what has been done in the past, it does not require major changes. Hook ups may be different, but existing lines will be utilized. These are insignificant changes and may be implemented as described.

2) Sludge Removal and Disposal

The removal of the sediment from the pond requires the installation of an equipment access road into same. Energy West has committed to reclaiming this road upon completion of the project. The sludge will be placed in a 100 to 150 foot length basin approximately 50 feet wide and 10 feet deep located at the active Deer Creek waste rock site. Here the material will be sampled for acid-toxic forming capability and allowed to dehydrate. Once dry, this material will be dispersed throughout the waste rock site. If acid/toxic material is detected, it will be buried by at least 4 feet of non-toxic material. The two previous items have been previously approved in the Deer Creek Mine mining and reclamation plan (10/2/92). Approvals are in place and are adequate.



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The only real comment I have is to request that Energy West take every precaution to ensure that this sloppy material be carefully hauled to the waste rock site. Any material that is accidentally spilled will be cleaned up.

Mr. Joe Helfrich has authorized me to grant Energy West approval to proceed as described in this submittal.

If you have questions, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Hess". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Peter Hess  
Reclamation Specialist III

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cc: Joe Helfrich, DOGM, SLC