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Chuck Semborski, Environmental Chairman  
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Re: Abandonment of Mining Machinery, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/

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Dear Mr. Semborski:

It has recently come to our attention that PacifiCorp has plans for the abandonment of longwall face conveyor line pans at the Deer Creek Mine. Abandonment of Mining Machinery must be authorized by the Division of Oil Gas and Mining in accordance with the following regulations found in the 301 section of the R645 rules:

*747.100. Non coal mine waste, including but not limited to grease, lubricants, paints, flammable liquids, garbage, machinery, lumber and other combustible materials generated during coal mining and reclamation operations will be placed and stored in a controlled manner in a designated portion of the permit area or state-approved solid waste disposal area.*

*747.200. Placement and storage of Non coal mine waste within the permit area will ensure that leachate and surface runoff do not degrade surface or ground water.*

*747.300. Final disposal of Non coal mine waste within the permit area will ensure that leachate and drainage does not degrade surface or underground water.*

*750. Performance Standards.*

*All coal mining and reclamation operations will be conducted to minimize disturbance to the Hydrologic balance within the permit and adjacent areas, to prevent material damage to the Hydrologic balance outside the permit area and support approved postmining land uses in accordance with the terms and conditions of the approved permit and the performance standards of R645-301 and R645-302.*

In order for us to evaluate the potential impacts of PacifiCorp's plans to abandon mining machinery underground, you must provide the following documentation in accordance with the above-cited regulations to be incorporated as an amendment into the Deer Creek Mining and Reclamation Plan.

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1. A map designating the final disposal location of the abandoned mining machinery.
2. A description of the equipment or machinery being abandoned and its condition upon abandonment.
3. A revision to the Probable Hydrologic Consequences (PHC) document which discusses the abandonment of the mining machinery and describes the potential for any Hydrologic impacts as a result of the abandonment.

Hopefully, this information will aid you in complying with the regulatory requirements. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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