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Deer Creek Mine Sedimentation Pond Cleaning Notification, C/015/018, Deer Creek Mine, Emery County, Utah.

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, herewith give official notice to the Division that preparations are being made to clean the Deer Creek sedimentation pond.

Cleaning of the pond will be commence at the end of August or first of September. Cleaning procedures have not changed since the last cleaning in 1997. Procedures for pond cleaning are outlined below.

Decanting

The pond will be drained of water to a workable level prior to the cleaning of the sediment accumulation. Decanting of the pond will be accomplished by placing a decanting pump in the sediment pond and pumping the water into the sediment box. A transfer pump within the sediment box will transfer the water uphill from the sediment box using a temporary 3" discharge line. This 3" line will be tied into the existing mine discharge line, which discharges to the power plant facilities.

Normal runoff water from the tipple will be diverted into the sediment box so that water won't hinder pond cleaning procedures. No temporary structures will be need for this diversion. Existing lines will be used.

Sludge Removal

To clean the sediment from the pond, an access road will be constructed over the dam and into the pond. The road will be reclaimed after the cleaning project is completed. The sludge will be loaded using a track-hoe into end-dump trucks and hauled to the Deer Creek Waste Rock Site. Care will be taken not to spill any of the sludge material between

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the loading site and the waste rock site. If any sludge is spilled onto the roadway, it will be immediately cleaned up.

Sludge from the sediment pond will be dewatered and disposed of in two trenches approximately (300,x30'x10') which will be constructed at the Deer Creek Waste Rock Site. The trenches will be large enough to hold the anticipated sediment and water volume. At the time of initial removal of the sediment from the pond, Energy West invites you witness the sediment transportation process to assure that adequate measures are being taken. Sampling of material removed will be accomplished on-site at the Waste Rock Site.

It is estimated that the actual cleaning will require 15 to 30 days to complete. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please call me at 687-4825.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Oakley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Oakley".

Dennis Oakley
Environmental Engineer

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