

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

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RE: Phase I, II, and III Lease Relinquishment Information, Energy West Mining Company, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Task ID #2477

SUMMARY:

Energy West Mining Company wants to include additional information about lease relinquishment in the MRP. The Permittee does not want the Division to take any action at this time except to include the information in the MRP. They will submit another amendment to initiate lease relinquishment in the future.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Regulatory Reference: PL 95-87 Sec. 515 and 516; 30 CFR Sec. 784.13, 784.14, 784.15, 784.16, 784.17, 784.18, 784.19, 784.20, 784.21, 784.22, 784.23, 784.24, 784.25, 784.26; R645-301-231, -301-233, -301-322, -301-323, -301-331, -301-333, -301-341, -301-342, -301-411, -301-412, -301-422, -301-512, -301-513, -301-521, -301-522, -301-525, -301-526, -301-527, -301-528, -301-529, -301-531, -301-533, -301-534, -301-536, -301-537, -301-542, -301-623, -301-624, -301-625, -301-626, -301-631, -301-632, -301-731, -301-723, -301-724, -301-725, -301-726, -301-728, -301-729, -301-731, -301-732, -301-733, -301-746, -301-764, -301-830.

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Analysis:

Energy West Mining Company submitted a copy of three decision documents from the Bureau of Land Management for leases associated with the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, the Deer Creek Mine, and the Des Bee Dove Mine. The Permittee does not want the Division to take any action at this time except to include the information into the MRP. The Division reviewed the documents and found that they contain findings that the BLM made about whether or not lease relinquishment would be in the public interest.

Findings:

The information provided in the proposed amendment is considered adequate to meet the requirements of this section.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Division should approve the amendment.