

WATER QUALITY MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

THRU: Steve Christensen, Permit Supervisor 

FROM: Ken Hoffman, Hydrologist 

RE: Second Quarter of 2013 Water Monitoring, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine. C/015/0018, Task ID #4344

The Deer Creek Mine monitoring plan is described in Appendix A of Volume 9 of the MRP.

1. **Were data submitted for all of the MRP required sites?** YES NO
2. **Were all required parameters reported for each site?** YES NO
3. **Were any irregularities found in the data?**

Listed parameters were more than two standard deviations from the mean.

Springs YES NO

Newua Meter-3 June – dissolved magnesium

Streams YES NO

DCR04 April, May - flow

DCR06 May, June – flow

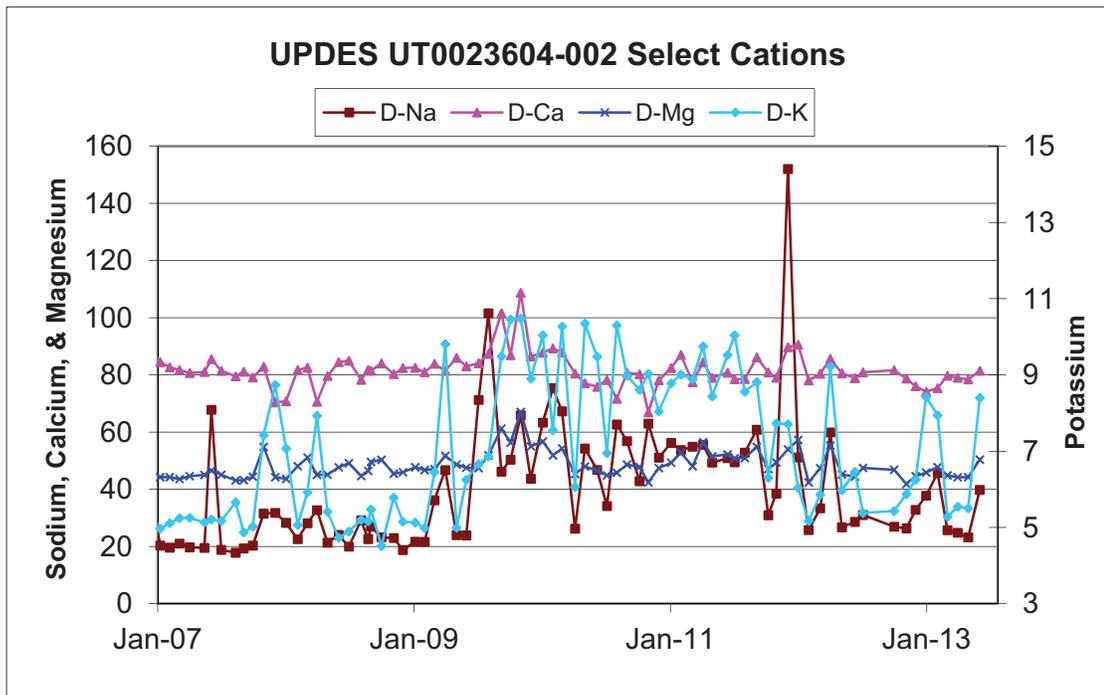
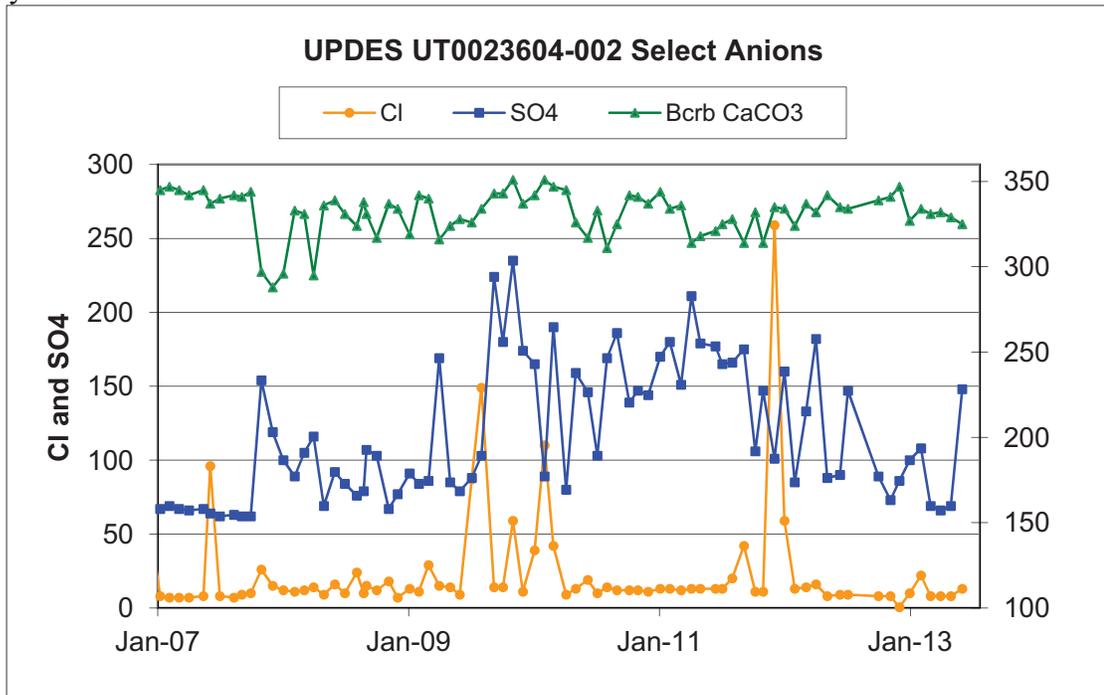
MF-A field conductivity, dissolved sodium, sulfate, total dissolved solids, total cations

MFU-03 June – Dissolved sodium, bicarbonate, sulfate, total alkalinity, total dissolved solids, total cations, total iron

UPDES YES NO

Recently, potassium values have frequently been outside two standard deviations from the mean at UT0023604-002, but – as can be seen on the following charts – with the exception of bicarbonate and dissolved potassium, major ion concentrations have tended to fluctuate upwards

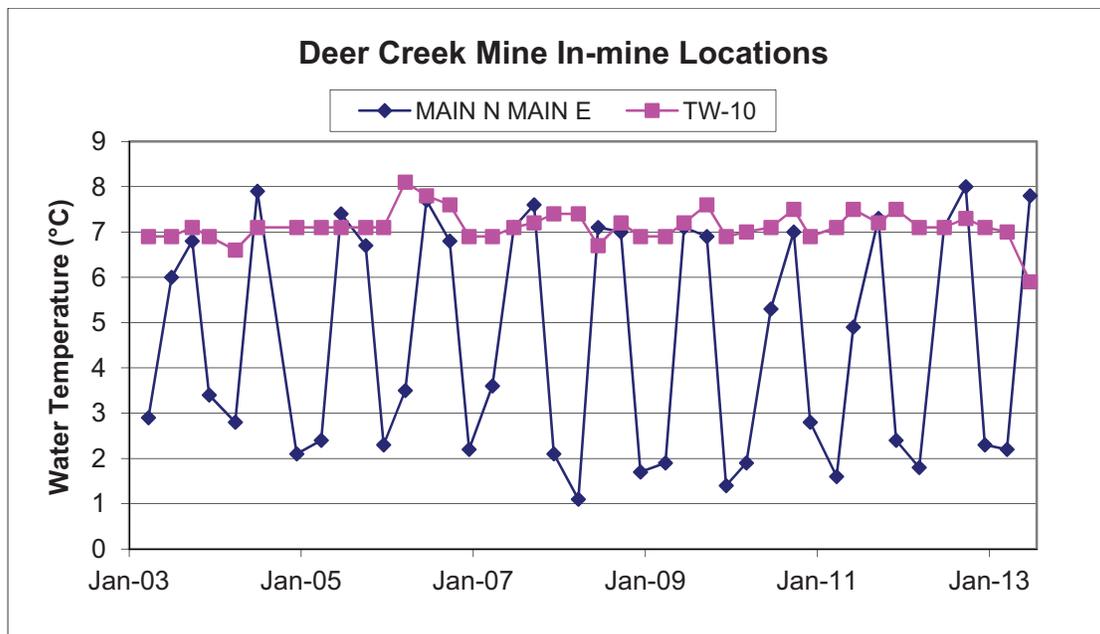
in recent years



In-mine

YES NO

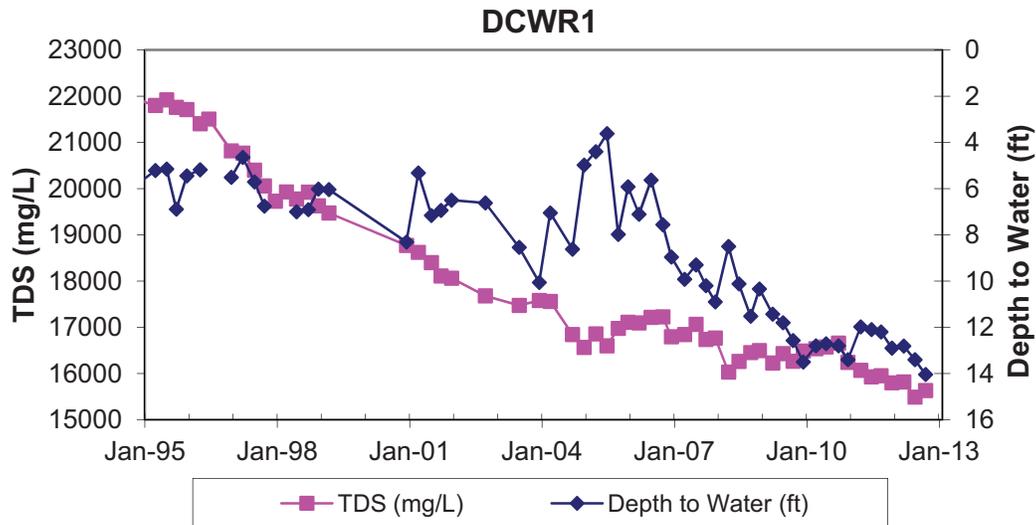
Dissolved sodium, bicarbonate, and total alkalinity were more than two standard deviations from the mean at Main N Main E during June. The water temperature at Main North Main East varies seasonally year-after-year (see following chart), indicating that this in-mine source is most likely fed by infiltration of surface water rather than draining surrounding strata. The temperature at TW-10 shows some seasonal variation but it is not as definitive as at Main North Main East.



Wells

YES NO

Although it hasn't been flagged as varying from the mean by more than two standard deviations, water level at DCWR1 has been dropping since 2006 (following a small rise in 2004-2005). TDS was dropping at a similar rate, but now appears to have stabilized. These changes are probably from factors other than disposal of waste rock at this site: a similar drop in water level is seen at WCWR1 at the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Waste Rock Disposal Site.



4. On what date does the MRP require a five-year resampling of baseline water data.

Baseline analyses were performed in 2001, 2006 and 2011 and are to be repeated every 5 years. Baseline analyses will next be conducted in 2016.

5. Based on your review, what further actions, if any, do you recommend?

There is no indication of trends or extremes in any of the parameter values. No further action recommended at this time. However, the operator has requested to cease monitoring at numerous monitoring locations. The Division is evaluating this request and will conduct field visits during the 2014 field season for a selection of locations.

6. Does the Mine Operator need to submit more information to fulfill this quarter's monitoring requirements? YES NO

7. Follow-up from last quarter, if necessary.

None.

8. Did the Mine Operator submit all the missing and/or irregular data (datum)?

NA.