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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
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**RE: COTTONWOOD NORTH SEDIMENT POND CLEANING PROCEDURE,
COTTONWOOD MINE, ACT/015/ [REDACTED] # 2**

Dear Pamela:

In accordance with the DOGM's "Sediment Pond Cleanout Procedural Guideline", please find the following a written notification that Energy West Mining Company has scheduled the Cottonwood North Sediment Pond for cleaning on September 4, 1991.

The planned cleaning procedure for the pond is:

1. The inlet to the North Pond will be bypassed to the South Pond while the cleaning is being done. Minimal water usage at the mine site will be requested during this time.
2. Water monitoring from the South Pond will be handled per current NPDES permit requirements.
3. The North Pond will be decanted into the South Pond. This will be monitored and terminated when the discharge into the South Pond shows signs of high TSS concentrations.
4. A temporary 3" valve will be installed on the south pond's primary spillway and manually operated during the cleaning. This will allow adequate detention time for the bypass water to meet NPDES requirements.
5. A containment area will be made in the new Waste Rock Site for the

sludge and remaining water. This area will contain the sludge in a convenient location while drying takes place.

- 6. Access into the North Pond will be from the current slope in the north end of the pond. Removal and haulage of the material will be staged from the north pond dam.**
- 7. Sediment material will be sampled and tested according to the DOGM's "Title V Coal Program Policy for Disposal of Sediment Pond Waste".**
- 8. DOGM personnel will be contacted at the beginning of the sludge transport process.**

The cleaning procedure is expected to take 1 to 2 weeks.

We would appreciate your help in the operation by notifying Guy Davis at 653-2312 or myself at 220-4584 of the cleaning procedure approval prior to the scheduled cleaning date.

If there are any questions, please call.

Sincerely,



J. Blake Webster
Permitting Administrator

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Larry LaFrentz