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TO: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Henry Sauer, Senior Reclamation Soils Specialist 

RE: 1991 East Mountain Drilling Application, PacifiCorp Electric Operations, CEP/015/019-91B, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

## Synopsis

PacifiCorp Electric Operations (PEO) has applied for an exploration drilling permit within the Cottonwood/Wilberg Permit Area. Susan White (DOGM), in a letter dated June 27, 1991, enumerated my concerns regarding topsoil removal, storage, and redistribution.

A meeting between Val Payne (PEO) and myself was held on July 11, 1991 to discuss the soil issues. The forthcoming analysis is an outline of the discussions and agreements made on that day.

## Analysis

All roads leading to the two drill sites, as well as the drill pads themselves, have been previously disturbed and reclaimed (backfilled and seeded). Topsoil, as defined in R614-100-200 Definitions., no longer exist. Therefore, the requirements of R614-202-233 are not applicable.

Additionally, Mr. Payne explained and demonstrated reclamation previously performed on the roads has been successful. Therefore, Mr. Payne and myself agreed that soil material on the surface of the drill pads would be separately removed, stockpiled, and seeded. Soil material on the surface of the previously disturbed roads would be downcast on the down slope side of the road and seeded with the approved seed mixture. Mr. Payne also agreed that prior to soil placement, all areas would be deep ripped, utilizing a ripper equipped bulldozer.

Recommendations

Mr. Payne must integrate the above agreements into the narrative of the drilling application. Upon receipt of above commitments, approve said exploration drilling application.

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