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RE: Coal/Rock Ratio Monitoring Requirements, Cottonwood/Wilberg Waste Rock Storage Facility Addition, PacifiCorp Electric Operations (PEO), Cottonwood/Wilberg, ACT/015/019, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Synopsis

In a letter dated December 24, 1991, Mr. J. Blake Webster (PEO) requested relief from the permit requirement (pages 2-13 through 2-14) for the determination of the coal/rock ratio at the Cottonwood/Wilberg Waste Rock Storage Facility during the 3rd and 4th quarter of 1991 and the 1st and 2nd quarter of 1992.

Analysis & Recommendations

Receipt of the permittees' request was received on December 27, 1991. This type of request should be forwarded to the Division prior to the beginning of the period in question. However, the relief request may be granted (after the forthcoming conditions are adequately addressed) for the following reason: the large volume of sediment pond waste encountered, especially waste emanating from the Des-Bee-Dove cleanout, will increase the volume of noncombustible material and, therefore, decrease the coal/rock ratio in the graded lift. In addition, if grading or handling of the sediment pond waste occurs prior to the end of the relief period, then the permittee must begin monitoring the coal/rock ratio. The graded lift(s) must not exceed a maximum depth of four feet.

Conditions

- 1) Submit coal/rock ratio reports from previous analysis.
- 2) Describe the mechanism and techniques employed to blend sediment pond waste with waste rock.

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