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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig  
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RE: COTTONWOOD NORTH SEDIMENT POND CLEANING PROCEDURE,  
 COTTONWOOD MINE, ACT/015/019

Dear Pamela:

In accordance with the DOGM's "Sediment Pond Cleanout Procedural Guideline", please find the following is a written notification that Energy West Mining Company has scheduled the Cottonwood North Sediment Pond for cleaning on March 29, 1993.

The Division approved May 1992 cleaning procedure will be used. It is as follows:

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. The 3" valve at the south pond's primary spillway will be 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 sediment and remaining water. A site

located at the north end of the Waste Rock Site has been selected ( see attached drawing). By the use of this site, the North Pond sediment will be contained in a convenient location and water leaching through the compacted refuse would be retarded.

6. Sediment will be removed and mixed with other mine refuse after drying has taken place.
7. 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.
8. Sediment material will be sampled and tested according to the DOGM's "Title V Coal Program Policy for Disposal of Sediment Pond Waste".
9. 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 of the cleaning procedure approval prior to the scheduled cleaning date.

If there are any questions, please call.

Sincerely,



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Sr. Environmental Engineer

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**COTTONWOOD/WILBERG  
WASTE ROCK STORAGE FACILITY**

24" DIA. CULVERT

