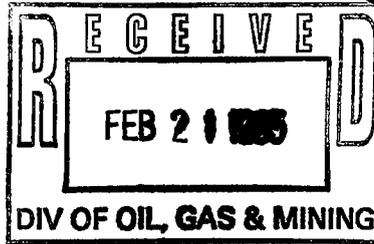


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RE: COTTONWOOD NORTH SEDIMENT POND CLEANING, PACIFICORP, COTTONWOOD
MINE, ACT/015/019, EMERY COUNTY

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Energy West Mining Company has scheduled the Cottonwood Mine's North Sediment Pond for cleaning on March 1, 1995. The attached, previously used cleaning procedure will be followed. Step 7 of the procedure was used during the previous clean. The step was successful and will be used again during this year's clean.

If there are any questions, please contact Guy Davis at 653-2312, ext. 19, or me at ext. 16.

Sincerely,

Guy Davis (for)

Val Payne
Sr. Env. Engineer

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cc: Morgan Moon
John Christensen
Carl Pollastro
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COTTONWOOD MINE NORTH POND

CLEANING PROCEDURE

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 Waste Rock Facility for the sediment and remaining water. A site located at the north end of the Waste Rock Facility has been selected (see attached drawing). By the use of this site, the 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. Thicker sediment will be placed on the waste rock just south of the temporary sediment containment area (see attached drawing).
8. Access into the North Pond will be from the current slope in the north end to the pond. Removal and haulage of the material will be staged from the North Pond dam.
9. Sediment material will be sampled and tested according to the DOGM's "Title V Coal Program Policy for Disposal of Sediment Pond Waste".
10. DOGM personnel will be contacted at the beginning of the sludge transport process.

