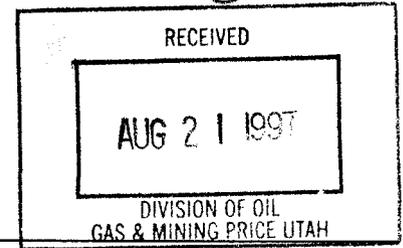


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Utah Coal Regulatory Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Attention: Mr. Bill Malencik

**RE: COTTONWOOD NORTH AND SOUTH SEDIMENT POND CLEANING,
PACIFICORP, COTTONWOOD MINE, ACT/015/019, EMERY COUNTY,
UTAH.**

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, herewith give official notice to the Division that the Cottonwood North and South Sediment Ponds require cleaning.

Energy West will be cleaning the North Sediment Pond in August/September followed by the South Pond. The attached previously used cleaning procedures will be followed.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Chuck Semborski at 687-4720 or John Christensen at 687-4725.

Sincerely,

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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 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.

COTTONWOOD MINE SOUTH POND

CLEANING PROCEDURE

1. The primary discharge to the North Pond will be temporarily capped and will contain the surface runoff while the South Pond cleaning is being done. Minimal water usage at the mine site will be requested during this time.
2. The North Pond's water level will be monitored regularly, 24 hours/day. Water will be hauled to the Waste Rock Storage Facility if pond levels increase. The existing emergency spillway will remain functional for a safeguard of a large storm event. It is anticipated that fall cleaning will greatly reduce the potential volume of water to the North Pond because the heavy summer thunderstorm season will be over.
3. The South Pond will be decanted to the North Pond as it will be relatively empty.
4. A containment area will be made in the New Waste Rock Site for the sludge. This area will contain the sludge in a convenient location while drying takes place.
5. Thicker sediment will be placed on the waste rock just south of the temporary sediment containment area (see attached drawing).
6. Access into the South Pond, removal and haulage of sludge will be from the south pond dam.
7. Sediment material will be sampled and tested according to 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.

