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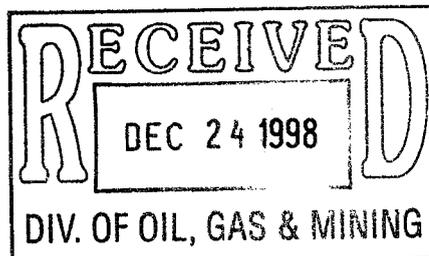


ACT/015/019 #2

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December 18, 1998

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Attn: Daron Haddock

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Re: Amendment to the Cottonwood/Wilberg Permit for the Purpose of Correcting Plan Deficiencies Associated with Highwall Elimination, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, ACT/015/019, Emery County, Utah.

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits an amendment to the Cottonwood/Wilberg (CTW) mine permit which addresses the deficiencies associated with highwall elimination.

During recent years, one of the main topics of the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) oversight has been highwall elimination and retention as part of approximate original contour restoration. The joint DOGM/OSM oversight team has evaluated this element under the primary oversight objective of determining whether mine site reclamation is successful. DOGM/OSM has concluded that there exists 18 areas (portals) that may fall under the definitions of highwall as defined in the R645 Utah Coal Rules. These areas are lettered A through R with their respective identity.

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| A - Wilberg Mine Fan * | K - Cottonwood Fan Access Tunnel |
| B - Wilberg Fan Portal | L - Cottonwood Fan Portal |
| C - Belt Portal in Wilberg * | M - Cottonwood Belt Portal |
| D - Intake Portal Wilberg * | N - Cottonwood Canyon Portal |
| E - Underground Offices * | O - Cottonwood Canyon Fan Portal Area |
| F - Old Portals * | P - Cottonwood Canyon Fan Portal Faceoff |
| G - Old Portals * | Q - Miller Canyon Breakouts |
| H - Portals for Wilberg before Fire * | R - Channel Canyon Breakouts |
| I - Mine Access Tunnel to Cottonwood Mine Portals | |
| J - Cottonwood Intake Portals | |

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R - Channel Canyon Breakouts

Of these 18 sites, 7 are pre-SMCRA and denoted with an asterisk. These areas need only to eliminate to the extent practical. The eleven other areas need to eliminate the highwall completely with the exception of the following:

- Area P, Cottonwood Canyon Fan Portal faceoff area was recently reclaimed.
- Area Q, Miller Canyon portals, were ventilation breakouts developed in 1981 with no associated highwall. Energy West is currently discussing possibilities of reclaiming these portals in 1999.
- Area R, Channel Canyon breakouts were reclaimed in June of 1997 and has been approved for Phase III bond release (6/98).

The above mentioned areas are addressed and will be incorporated in the Cottonwood MRP upon approval.

Revisions to Cottonwood Permit:

Pages – Volume 2, Part 4, page 4-4.4, add highlighted text

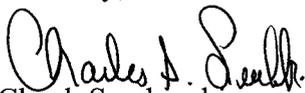
Volume 2, Part 4, addition to this part, add Appendix A and Appendix B

Appendix A includes drawings KS1658D and KS1659D.

Enclosed is seven (7) copies of this amendment. Unless an unforeseen item has been neglected, all parameters necessary for highwall elimination have been covered and are complete.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this amendment, please feel free to contact Dennis Oakley at (435) 687-4825.

Sincerely,



Chuck Semborski

Environmental/Geology Supervisor

DCO/dco/cas

Enclosures

Cc: Carl Pollastro, w/o enclosures
Dennis Oakley with enclosures
Blake Webster w/o enclosures

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Transfer Exploration Bond Release

Permit Number: ACT/015/019

Title of Proposal: Amendment to the Cottonwood/Wilberg Permit for the Purpose of Correcting Plan Deficiencies Associated with Highwall Elimination, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, ACT/015/019, Emery County, Utah

Mine: COTTONWOOD/ WILBERG

Permittee: PACIFICORP

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____
- Yes No 3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
- Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
- Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
- Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
- Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
- Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____
- Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
- Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
- Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
- Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
- Yes No 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
- Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
- Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
- Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
- Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
- Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
- Yes No 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
- Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 7 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

Charles A. Semborski
Signed - Name - Position - Date
Charles A. Semborski, Geology/Permitting Supervisor 12/18/98

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Dec, 19 98.

Barbara J. Adams
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 10-13-2000
Attest: STATE OF UTAH, COUNTY OF Emery



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