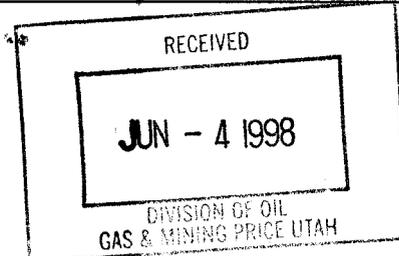


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June 3, 1998

Utah Coal Program  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
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Attn: Bill Malencik

**Re: Cleaning of the North Sediment Pond, Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, ACT/015/019, PacifiCorp, Emery County, Utah.**

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PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby gives notice that it will begin pond cleaning activities of the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine north sediment pond.

During a recent survey of the north pond, it was found that the sediment had reached the capacity within the pond. We anticipate cleaning the pond beginning Monday June 8, 1998. Procedures of the pond are 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 UPDES permit requirements.
3. The North Pond will be decanted in 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 UPDES requirements.

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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. 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.
8. Access in the North Pond will be from the current slope on the South end of 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.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 687-4825.

Sincerely,



Dennis Oakley  
Environmental Engineer

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cc: Carl Pollastro  
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