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Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

I am enclosing for submittal the 1st. Quarter 2004 Engineering Inspection Reports for Cottonwood/Wilberg and Des Bee Dove Waste Rock Site and the old Waste Rock Site. Also, the Deer Creek Waste Rock Site and Elk Canyon/Original Site are enclosed.

Sincerely,

John Christensen

John Christensen, P.E.
Sr. Construction Engineer

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INSPECTION AND CERTIFIED REPORT ON EXCESS SPOIL PILE OR REFUSE PILE			Page 1 of 2
Permit Number	ACT/015/018	**Report Date**	MAR. 29, 2004
Mine Name	Deer Creek		
Company Name	Energy West Mining Company		
Excess Spoil Pile or Refuse Pile Identification	**Pile Name**	ELK CANYON/ORIGINAL SITE	
	Pile Number		
	MSHA ID Number	1211-UT-09-00121-01	
Inspection Date	March 17, 2004		
Inspected By	John Christensen/Rick Cullum		
Reason for Inspection (Annual, Quarterly or Other Periodic Inspection, Critical Installation, or Completion of Construction)	2004 First Quarter Inspection		
	Attachments to Report? XNo Yes		

Field Evaluation

Foundation preparation, including the removal of all organic material and topsoil.

The construction of both sites have been complete for some time in excess of 10 years. The foundations appear to be stable.

Placement of underdrains and protective filter systems.

None

Installation of final surface drainage systems.

The slopes of both sites have no rills, gullies or sloughage present.

Placement and compaction of fill materials.

No fill material is being placed at either site, since both are at the capacity. The Elk Canyon site contains approximately 24,000 cubic yar original site 90,000 cubic yards of fill material.

Final grading and revegetation of fill.

The sites are at capacity. The final grades are established and are revegetated.

Appearances of instability, structural weakness, and other hazardous conditions.

None were observed.

Other Comments. Describe any changes in the geometry of the Excess Spoil/Refuse Pile structure, instrumentation, average and maximum lifts of materials placed in the pile, elevations of active benches, total and remaining storage capacity of the structure, evidence of fires in the pile and abatement of such fires, volumes of materials placed in the structure during the year, and any other aspect of the structure affecting its stability or function which has occurred during the reporting period.

There was approximately 500 tons of coal stored at the Elk Canyon pad at the time of inspection.

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By: John Christensen, Sr. Construction Engineer

(Full Name and Title)

Signature: John Christensen **Date:** 4/5/04

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Mine Name	Deer Creek		
Company Name	Energy West Mining Company		
Excess Spoil Pile or Refuse Pile Identification	Pile Name	Waste Rock Disposal Site	
	Pile Number		
	MSHA ID Number	1211-UT-09-00121-02	
Inspection Date	MAR. 17, 2004		
Inspected By	John Christensen/Rick Cullum		
Reason for Inspection (Annual, Quarterly or Other Periodic Inspection, Critical Installation, or Completion of Construction)		2004 First Quarter Inspection	
		Attachments to Report? X No Yes	

Field Evaluation

Foundation preparation, including the removal of all organic material and topsoil.

All construction was done according to the permitted, professional engineered design specifications.

Placement of underdrains and protective filter systems.

An underdrain was installed when the site was constructed in 1989. The drain had a small amount of flow coming through it at the time of the inspection.

Installation of final surface drainage systems.

All interim slopes are maintained at their proper grade. The final slopes are surveyed to assure they are correct. Also the two final designed rip-rap ditches were installed as per the permitted plan and are extended as more lifts are added.

Placement and compaction of fill materials.

The site was leveled in January-February 2003. Trash and extraneous material were removed. Lift was sampled as required. The Area 1 cell is at approximately 85% capacity.

Final grading and revegetation of fill.

See No. 3.
The sub-soil berm surrounding the site was seeded shortly after construction.

Appearances of instability, structural weakness, and other hazardous conditions.

No weakness or instabilities are evident at this time.

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The total storage capacity of the Area No. 1 cell is 460,000 cubic yards. The elevation of the current lift varies with the required drainage slope. The surveyed elevation at the center of the active lift in cell 1 is 6,356.45 ft and cell 2 is 6320.81. The final design elevation will be 6,369 ft. The Area No. 2 cell is approximately 80% capacity. The area in cell 1 is approximately 30% capacity. The containment trench excavated in the upper cell 1, was spread throughout the pile and leveled in Dec. 2003. The site was cleaned of trash during the first quarter of 2003.

The estimated volume of material hauled in 2003 to the site was 11,032 cubic yards through December. As of March 1, 2004, 4117 cubic yards of material was hauled in 2004. Included in these numbers were some loads of snow removed from the mine site.

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Permit Number	ACT/015/017/ACT/015/019	**Report Date**	MAR. 29, 2004
Mine Name	Cottonwood/Wilberg/Des-Bee-Dove/Trail Mountain		
Company Name	Energy West Mining Company		
Excess Spoil Pile or Refuse Pile Identification	**Pile Name**	Cottonwood Waste Rock Site	
	Pile Number		
	MSHA ID Number	1211-UT-09-01211-03	
Inspection Date	MAR. 17, 2004		
Inspected By	John Christensen/Rick Cullum		
Reason for Inspection (Annual, Quarterly or Other Periodic Inspection, Critical Installation, or Completion of Construction)	2004 First Quarter Inspection		
	Attachments to Report? x No Yes		

Field Evaluation

Foundation preparation, including the removal of all organic material and topsoil.

Foundation was prepared according to the approved plan.

Placement of underdrains and protective filter systems.

Not applicable.

Installation of final surface drainage systems.

The out slopes of the containment berms are at their final configuration and have been revegetated. The inlet ditch to the pond has been lined with rip rap and is extended as the pile changes elevation.

Placement and compaction of fill materials.

The Trail Mountain Mine has ceased production. Mine refuse will no longer be haul to this site. The site will remain active to accommodate future pond cleanings at Trail Mountain, Cottonwood and Des-Bee-Dove Mines.

Final grading and revegetation of fill.

The outslopes of each containment/lift berm have had final grading and vegetation completed.

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Appearances of instability, structural weakness, and other hazardous conditions.

None seen.

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The total storage capacity of the site is a 784,000 cubic yards. The elevation of the current lift varies with the required drainage slope. The surveyed elevation at the center of the active lift is 6,803.31 ft. The final design elevation will be 6,850 ft. The entire site is approximately 36% capacity. There was a small amount of material hauled to the site during the first quarter of 2003. This material came from the repairs to the discharge structure at the Cottonwoood mine's south sediment pond. The useable area of the present lift is approximately 97%. The containment area was cleaned and mixed with refuse during the leveling process.

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Mine Name	Cottonwood/Wilberg/Des-Bee-Dove		
Company Name	Energy West Mining Company		
Excess Spoil Pile or Refuse Pile Identification	**Pile Name**	Old Waste Rock Site	
	Pile Number		
	MSHA ID Number		
Inspection Date	MAR. 17, 2004		
Inspected By	John Christensen/Rick Cullum		
Reason for Inspection (Annual, Quarterly or Other Periodic Inspection, Critical Installation, or Completion of Construction)		2004 First Quarter Inspection	
		Attachments to Report?	**X No** **Yes**

Field Evaluation

Foundation preparation, including the removal of all organic material and topsoil.

Constructed according to plan.

Placement of underdrains and protective filter systems.

Not applicable.

Installation of final surface drainage systems.

All surfaces are at their final configuration and drainage established.

Placement and compaction of fill materials.

This site is complete and at capacity.

Final grading and revegetation of fill.

Site is complete and vegetation has been established.

Appearances of instability, structural weakness, and other hazardous conditions.

None observed.

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There hasn't been any changes at the site since the last inspection.

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