



Technical Analysis and Findings
Utah Coal Regulatory Program

PID: C0150019
TaskID: 4791
Mine Name: COTTONWOOD/ WILBERG
Title: UPDATE LEGAL & FINANCIAL VOLUME (WASTE ROCK SITE)

Summary

This technical analysis is for the amendment to update the legal and financial volume of the waste rock site that is being removed from the Cottonwood/Wilberg MRP and permit area and added to the Trail Mountain MRP and permit.
Energy West submitted three amendments. The first amendment is to Permit # C/015/0019 to remove the Cottonwood waste rock site from its MRP. The second amendment is to Permit # C/015/0009 to add the waste rock site to its MRP. The third amendment is to the legal and financial volume to amend the all text and appendices affected by the transfer of the site from one permit to another. The three amendments were submitted simultaneously but evaluated as separate tasks.
The three amendments propose no changes to environmental resources, operations, or the reclamation design. It is simply a transfer of a permitted area (25.85 acres consisting of the Waste Rock Site) from one mines MRP (Cottonwood/Wilberg) to another (Trail Mountain) and both mines are owned by Energy West Mining Company, a subsidiary of PacifiCorp. Therefore, a technical analysis was not necessary for the sections of Environmental Resource Information, Operation Plan, Reclamation Plan, or Special Categories.

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General Contents

Identification of Interest

Analysis:

Information provided in the application meets the minimum requirements of the regulations
The operator and all owners and controllers of the operation are identified by name and address in the Legal and Financial Volume.

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Analysis:

I have reviewed the updated Legal and Financial information for the Des Bee Dove, Deer Creek and Cottonwood Wilberg mining facilities and concur with the analysis provided by the co-lead Lisa Reinhart.

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Violation Information

Analysis:

Information provided in the application meets the minimum requirements of the regulations.
An AVS check was performed on February 6, 2015. There were no violations retrieved by the system.

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Right of Entry

Analysis:

Information provided in the application meets the minimum requirements of the regulations.
This amendment applies to the transfer of BLM right of way U-65027, consisting of 25.85 acres. Appendix C has correctly been modified to show the transfer of BLM U-65027 from the Cottonwood Mine to the Trail Mountain Mine.

BLM Right-of-Way UTU-65027, issued to PacifiCorp, provides right of entry for the Waste Rock Storage Facility. An updated description is found in the PacifiCorp/Energy West Mining Company, Legal and Financial Volume, Appendix G.

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Legal Description

Analysis:

Information provided in the application meets the minimum requirements of the regulations.

The legal description of the Waste Rock Site in appendix G was removed from the Cottonwood/Wilberg Permit boundary description and added to the Trail Mountain permit boundary description. The legal description was digitized and verified as correct and matches the boundary as indicated on the maps provided.

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Permit Term

Analysis:

Information provided in the application meets the minimum requirements of the regulations.

Although the Trail Mountain Mine is currently in cessation, Chapter 3, page 12 (3.2.11) describes the total area of surface disturbance during the permit term. The mine development and projected mining schedule are shown on Plate 3-2.

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Public Notice and Comment

Analysis:

This is addressed in task 4790 (Add waste rock site to Trail Mountain) and is noted as deficient.

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Maps and Plans

Analysis:

Maps and plans were provided and reviewed in task 4790

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