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Subject: Final Reclamation of Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, UPDES Permit UT0022896

Jeff:

As part of due diligence in mine permitting and closure, PacifiCorp is informing the Division of Water Quality that reclamation of the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine site has been completed as of March 22, 2018. This mine currently retains a UPDES permit (UT0022896) for permitted outfalls for the mine and sediment pond discharge. Both areas where these discharges occur or have occurred have been reclaimed.

Outfall 001-A is a mine discharge located at the Trail Mountain Access (TMA) portals in Cottonwood Canyon. This site was completely reclaimed in 2015. This outfall is currently discharging an average of approximately 21 gpm into Cottonwood Creek. This discharge will continue flow for the foreseeable future.

Outfall 003 is the ID for the sediment pond discharge to Grimes Wash. Two sediment ponds (north pond and south pond) were located at the primary mine facility in Grimes Wash. The ponds were linked by a connecting culvert. The south pond contained the point source discharge into the Grimes Wash. Both ponds have been completely removed, regraded, and reclaimed. Permanent sediment control has been constructed throughout the mine site as part of the reclamation process. Permanent sediment control includes roughening (or deep gouging) the surface to limit or eliminate overland flow, hydromulching/tackifying to protect the surface from rain drop impact and to retain moisture, and seeding. Once the vegetation is established, it will be the final and permanent sediment control.

PacifiCorp requests that the UPDES site UT0022896-003 be eliminated from reporting requirements since a point source discharge location no longer exists. If there are any other formal procedures that PacifiCorp is required to follow to eliminate a site from its reporting responsibilities, please let me know. If DWQ will need to inspect the site, I can arrange a site visit with you and/ or DWQ staff.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to call Ken Fleck at (435) 687-4712 or Chuck Semborski at (435) 687-4720.

Sincerely,

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