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RE: Tank Seam Proposal, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

**SYNOPSIS AND RECOMMENDATION**

The permittee has submitted a proposal (received July 9, 1993) for a significant revision to the approved mining and reclamation permit. The proposed permit revision includes a description of the surface disturbance related to accessing a separate coal seam (i.e. access road, portal pad and associated surface disturbance), the reclamation thereof, and the extraction of coal from the stratigraphic unit commonly know as the Tank Seam.

The Tank Seam proposal has been reviewed as it applies to compliance with the R645-301-200 Soils. regulations and other applicable regulations.

The Tank Seam proposal, as submitted, is recommended for denial as provided under R645-300-131.100. The permittee has not adequately demonstrated that reclamation, as required by the State Program, can be accomplished according to the information provided in the significant revision application (R645-300-133.710).

The reclamation of the approximate 45 degree angle fill slopes (downcast material {operational phase} as well as backfilled material {reclamation phase}) and the containment of disturbance within the proposed disturbance given the surrounding topography has not been demonstrate by the permittee. The Tank Seam proposal, does not meet the regulatory requirements as provided for under R645-301-535. et. seq. and R645-301-553 et.seq. Therefore, this writer recommends that the Tank Seam permit proposal be denied.

cc: Susan White, Reclamation Biologist  
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