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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Application to Change existing Mining Plan, Load-Out Expansion, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025

Enclosed is 1 hard copy and 4 digital copies of an Appendix detailing the load out expansion as requested by Pete Hess. The digital copies include the entire amendment. The hard copy only includes the appendix being added.

If you have any questions, please call me at (435) 687-5238.

Thank You,



Mark Reynolds, PE

Enclosure(s)

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Exploration Bond Release Transfer

Permittee: CO-OP MINING COMPANY

Mine: BEAR CANYON MINE

Permit Number: ACT/015/025

Title: Load-Out Expansion

Description, Include reason for application and timing required to implement:
To add additional loading lanes to our load-out.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: _____ Disturbed Area: 0.05 increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____
- Yes No 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
- Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication?
- Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
- Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
- Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
- Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?
Explain: _____
- Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
- Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2)
- Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
- Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
- Yes No 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
- Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
- Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
- Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
- Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation?
- Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?
- Yes No 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
- Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is on or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five (5) copies, thank you. (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field Office)

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

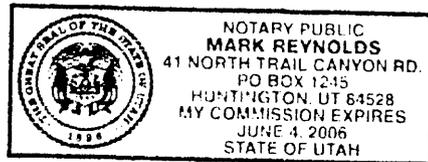
Charles Reynolds
 Print Name

Charles Reynolds, President, 3/22/06
 Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of March, 2005

Mark Reynolds
 Notary Public

My commission Expires: June 4, 2006
 Attest: State of _____ } ss:
 County of Emery



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LOAD-OUT EXPANSION

The construction of the load-out expansion will take place in five steps. The steps are

1. Remove old culverts
2. Install the small retaining wall next to the creek.
3. Earthwork
4. Install the large retaining wall next to the coal pad.
5. Install new culverts
6. Install concrete loading pads
7. Install Road
8. Extend the belts
9. Install Sampling Station.

Figure 1 shows a plan view of the area. Below is a detailed description of each of the steps. The construction may not follow the steps exactly. Some steps may be performed currently or out of order depending on time restrictions or the need to keep the load-out operational.

Removal of old culverts

In this step a Kamatsu Track-hoe will be used to remove culverts C-4D, and C-5D. The trenches created will then be filled with road-base and ditch D-3D will be extended across the old location of C-5D forming a dirt water bar across the shop access road.

Install small retaining wall.

A silt fence will be installed approximately 5 ft. outside of the existing road edge next to the stream. A Track-hoe will then be used to make a 2 ft. wide by 2 ft. deep ledge approximately 3-4 ft. outside of the existing road edge. 2' X 2' X 6' pre-cast retaining wall blocks will then be assembled along the ledge. Soil and road base will be laid between the retaining wall and the existing road. The top of the retaining wall will act as a guard rail. This wall will run the length of the load-out (540 ft.).

Earth work

This will start with 500 cu. yd. of material, mostly substitute topsoil, be cut from the side of the coal storage pad and being hauled to TS-7 to be used in the reclamation process. An additional 400 cu.

yd. will be moved across the road to fill in the gap between the small retaining wall and the existing road. The material will be cut from the south east corner of the coal storage pad. Ditch D-3D will be moved up against new pad cut.

Install large retaining wall

The wall will be constructed of 4' X 3' X 8' pre-cast retaining wall blocks. The wall will be 150' long and will range from 3' to 12' high. A drawing of the retaining wall is shown as figure 2. The wall will be located below the south east corner of the pad and is shown on figure 1.

Install new culverts

Trenches for the new culverts will be dug with a Track-hoe. The culverts will then be placed in the trenches and C-4D will be backfilled. On C-5D at five places spaced evenly along the culvert a 2.5 channel will be cut out of the top half of the culvert. At each of the notches, concert forms will be built under the culvert and coming up along the outside of the culvert. A 21" X 21" X 30" concert box will then be poured. A metal grate will be installed across the top of the concert box (see figure 3). At the outlet of C-5D a velocity arrestor will be constructed. This will be a concrete wall that the water will hit head on and the flow around. Road base will then be placed around and above the culvert. Ditch D-5D will be removed during this step and flow will be directed into Ditch D-3D.

Install concert loading pad

Three concrete pads 84' long by 12' wide be built under each of the loading hoppers to act as wear strips for the semis to stop on. The pad will start 22' in front of the loading point and extend 62' behind it. The pads will be 12" thick and will have two layers of rebar at 18" o.c. both directions. These pads will not need to be reclaimed since they will be covered by fill during reclamation.

Install road

4" of asphalt will be laid over the areas of the old and new culverts, and over the new road areas on both the right and left side of the existing road. 1 1/2" of super pave will then be laid over the entire load-out area. The road will be 75' wide creating three 20' wide lanes and one 15' wide lane. The two 20' lanes on the west side will be used for loading lanes and then will merge into 1 outlet lane. The third 20' lane will be used as an entrance lane for the trucks. The 15' lane will be and the east side and will be used for mine traffic. The 15' and 20' lanes on the east side start as one lane and then split as they enter the load-out area. Figure 1 shows a plan view of the roads. Ditch D-3D will be removed during this step.

Extend Belts

The current load-out has five conveyor belts coming out of the pad. The first three belts load bag dust for power plants, the fourth belt is not being used and the fifth belt loads oiled slack for residential use. The second belt has a cross-over belt that connects it to the first belt's loading point.

Construction will begin with the removal of the cross-over belt between the first and second belt and with the removal of the fourth belt that is not being used. Nothing will be done with the fifth (oil slack) belt. The first, second, and third belts will be extended 2', 3', and 8' respectively. Figure 4 shows a typical cross-section. The second belt will load in the most western lane (lane 1) and the first and third belts will load in lane 2 (see figure 1).

Install sampling station

A small crusher will be placed on the coal storage pad above the location of the old fourth belt (removed). A drop tube will come off of the crusher with a splitter in it. One side will go down into a sampling bag and the other side will go into a waste pile. A small concrete pad will be built under the waste pile. Coal will be carried to the crusher by hand in buckets or with a bobcat.

Figure 2

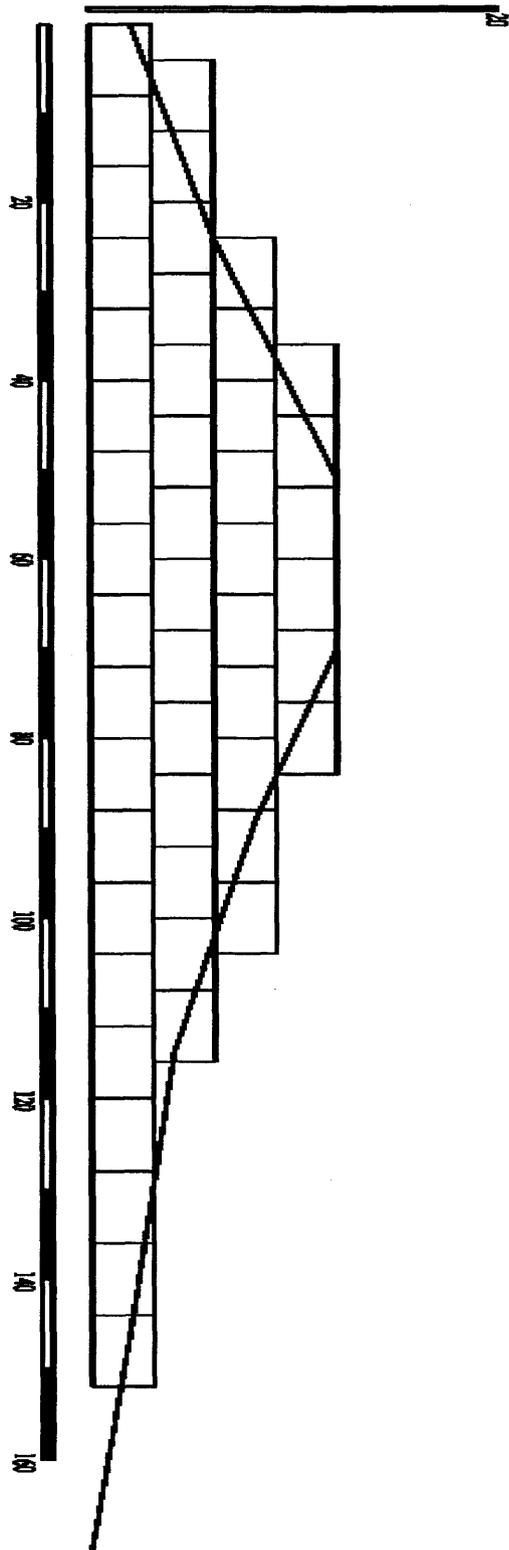


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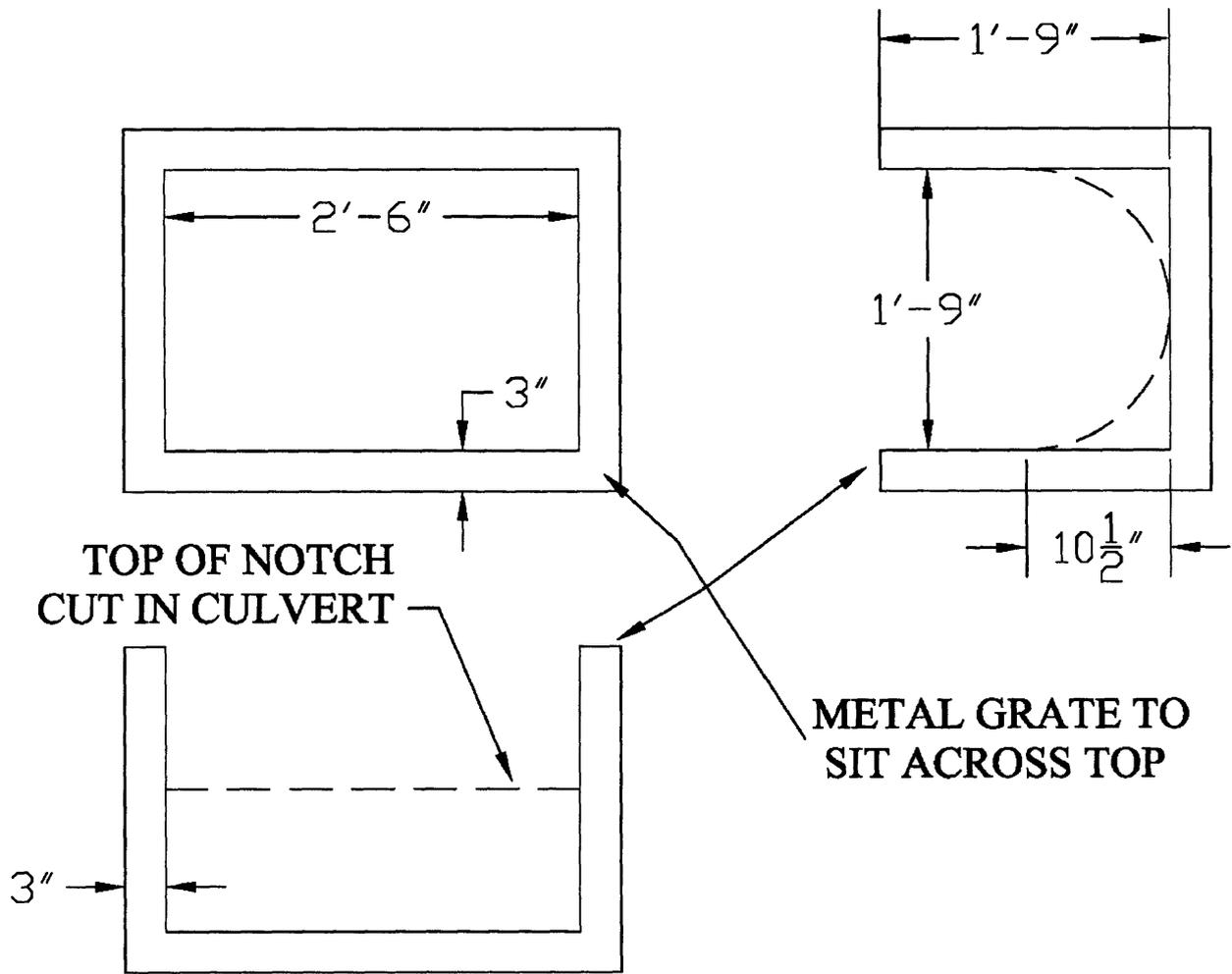


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