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FROM: Jim Smith - DOGM

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MESSAGES: Kay - these are copies of the e-mails, from COOP to Pete Hess at DOGM, explaining why the equipment was abandoned & what the equipment is. As I said on the phone, this section of the mine is reported to be dry and no interaction between the equipment & ground water is anticipated.

Jim

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**From:** Mark Reynolds <mreynolds@etv.net>  
**To:** <petehess@utah.gov>  
**Date:** 2/1/2006 12:55:14 PM  
**Subject:** Bear Canyon #3 Mine

Retreat mining in the Bear Canyon #3 Mine 6th Right panel has progressed to where we were pulling pillars in the hot area. At times coal temperatures have reached 200 deg.

On Monday the preshift examiner detected elevated levels of CO in the bleeders. MSHA was notified and mine and MSHA inspectors began monitoring the area and collected bottle samples.

On Tuesday the inspectors recorded air temperature at 131 degrees and CO levels around 15 ppm. Some of the inspectors reported that they could smell timber smoldering.

At approximately 8:30 this morning company and MSHA inspectors were heading back to the last BMP and reported smoke in the bleeder, and CO readings around 30 ppm. They encountered it approximately 5 crosscuts (600 ft) outby the last BMP.

The decision was made to pull outby crosscut 10 in the 6th right panel sub-mains, and erect permanent seals at #10 crosscut.

This will seal off the entire 6th Right panel and 3 months worth of anticipated reserves. The CM section that was going to mine those reserves is being moved to the Bear Canyon #4 Mine. They will begin developing panels and preparing for retreat mining in the 1st West Bleeder. This is the area being added in Task ID# 2343. We will be ready for retreat mining in the area in approximately 6 weeks.

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**From:** Melissa <cwmining@etv.net>  
**To:** <petehess@utah.gov>  
**Date:** 2/3/2006 3:50:55 PM  
**Subject:** Mine Fire Update

We just completed sealing the 6th right panel. Thursday morning at 4:00 am gas levels were high enough that the crews stopped recovery of equipment and materials and abandoned the mine. At 10:00 am that same day mine rescue crews entered the mine and erected temporary seals, installed monitoring tubes and then completed the permanent seals.

The abandoned equipment and materials are as follows.

1. Approx. 160 ft of belt structure. (no hazardous material)
2. 6 port D- box. (no hazardous material)
3. VFD pressure pump. (no hazardous material)
4. Single motor belt drive. (All fluids were drained by the mine rescue crew and transported to the surface before the temporary seals were erected.)

If you have any questions you can email me or call me at 435-687-2450

Mark Reynolds

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