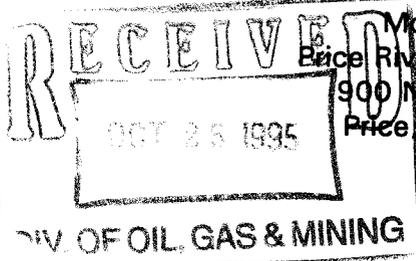


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ACT/015/032 #2*

Re: Minor Modification to Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), 7th Right Longwall, Crandall Canyon Mine

Dear Mr. Gainer:

The Bureau of Land Management received on September 12, 1995, a request to modify the approved R2P2 for the subject mine. The written request follows a verbal request and mine inspection. The requested modification is for the 7th Right longwall panel located on Federal coal lease UTU-68082.

Genwal requests to relocate the setup entry for the 7th Right longwall from the previously established crosscut 30 to crosscut 23. The longwall panel will now be about 800 feet shorter than planned. Genwal states low coal and poor coal quality in the block of coal between the stated crosscuts as a reason for shortening the panel.

An inspection of the area was conducted by BLM personnel and conditions verified. The original extent of the 6th Right gate entries were noted in a previous inspection. At that inspection, coal height from crosscut 25 to crosscut 30 off 6th Right was noted to be between 5 and 5.5 feet, with the miner cutting an extra 6 inches of roof rock to allow machinery to continue on. Genwal expressed optimism too that the block could be mined with the longwall, though some roof rock might have to be cut due to the size of the shear (5-foot drum). It was thought that the extra roof rock dilution could be blended off with coal from other sections of the mine. On further inspection, the coal horizon along the longwall setup face and along 7th Right headgate entry from crosscut 23 to crosscut 30 was all less than 5 feet thick, with a carbonaceous rock band above the coal between 6 and 12 inches thick. This rock band is pronounced in the 7th Right entry and difficult to observe without close inspection. In addition, copies of coal analysis were provided which showed the coal horizon along the 7th Right longwall block has an ash content of 11 and 12 percent, not counting the rock splits.

The BLM agrees with the assessment that from crosscut 30 to crosscut 23 the coal is too thin for the existing longwall shear. More than 6 inches of rock or carbonaceous shale would have to be cut. This would result in ash content of the coal to be upwards of 15 percent due to volume alone. Blending with coal from other sections would be impractical as the longwall produces the bulk of the run-of-mine coal and the other section (Main West as witnessed on the inspection) is experiencing poor roof conditions, which is making for added dilution of the coal due to roof rock in the coal. Coal contracts for Genwal (all below 10 percent ash) were noted.

The BLM has determined that the proposed modification complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and conditions, and will achieve maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal. Genwal is approved to move the start-up room of the 7th Right longwall from crosscut 30 to crosscut 23. This approval confirms the previous verbal approval to mine the new setup rooms. As this coal is not recoverable, the recoverable reserve estimate for Federal lease UTU-68082 is reduced approximately 125,000 tons. A copy of the approved mine map is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk or George Tetrault of my staff at (801) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

MARK E. BAILEY

Area Manager

Enclosure  
Approved Mine Map

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