

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

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FROM: Karl R. Houskeeper, Environmental Scientist III

RE: South Crandall Lease Revision, Genwal Resources, Inc., Crandall Canyon Mine, C/015/0032, Task ID #2084

SUMMARY:

The Division received an application on September 16, 2003 from Genwal Resources Inc. The application requested a modification of their mining and reclamation plan to include the new South Crandall Federal Lease (UTU-78953). Lease (UTU-78953) contains approximately 880 acres. No surface disturbance is proposed with this lease acquisition. Access to this lease area will be through the existing surface facilities and newly developed portals in Crandall Canyon. The applicant has developed three (3) new portals adjacent to the existing surface facilities. This memo addresses the administrative and land use sections of the regulations. This amendment was identified as Task ID #1698. Task #1698 was sent back to the operator with deficiencies.

On January 30, 2004 the operator sent in a response to Task #1698 deficiencies. The response on January 30, 2004 to the deficiencies in Task #1698 was identified as Task #1826. The Division sent Task #1826 back to the operator with deficiencies on March 9, 2004. The operator responded to these deficiencies on April 7, 2004. The response also included the addition of a 40 acre parcel of land that is being subleased from SITLA/PACIFICORP. This response was assigned Task # 1903. The Division sent Task #1903 back to the operator with deficiencies on May 4, 2004. The operator responded to the deficiencies of Task 1903 on June 14, 2004. The response to Task #1903 was assigned Task ID #1945. This memo is a review of Task #1945 on the administrative deficiencies. The application has gone through two additional rounds Task #2023 and now Task #2084 to take care of deficiencies in other disciplines.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

GENERAL CONTENTS

IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 773.22; 30 CFR 778.13; R645-301-112

Analysis:

Page 1-7 of the approved MRP (not submitted in Task #1698 , Task #1826 or Task #1903) was identified in the deficiencies of Task #1698, #1826 and #1903. There is a statement on this page, “IPA is currently engaged in the reclamation of the Horse Canyon Mine, under permit ACT/007/013, located in Emery County, Utah...” that is incorrect. Editing and/or removal of this statement was requested in Task # 1698, #1826, and #1903, since IPA no longer has connections or ties to the Horse Canyon Mine. Task # 1945 is a response to Task #1903 and addresses this deficiency.

During the review of Task #1903 it was also noted that page 1-8 of the submittal lists an MSHA number (42-01715) for IPA, Horse Canyon Mine. This number was removed in the submittal of Task #1945.

This memo is still applicable for Task #2023 and Task #2084.

The master TA was reviewed and no changes are necessary to the master TA for this section.

Findings

Information contained in this portion of the application meets the requirements set forth in this regulation.

PERMIT APPLICATION FORMAT AND CONTENTS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 777.11; R645-301-120.

Analysis:

Page 1-16 of the approved MRP was included in the application for Task #1826, but needed to be updated and submitted as part of the application for Task # 1903. Task #1945 includes Page1-16 and the date is current to cover the submitted changes.

This memo is still applicable for Task #2023 and Task #2084.

The master TA was reviewed and no changes are necessary to the master TA for this section.

Findings:

Information contained in this portion of the application meets the requirements set forth in this regulation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Task ID #1945, #2023 & #2084 be approved, since all of the administrative deficiencies have been addressed.