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October 13, 1989

TO: Sue Linner, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Daron Haddock, Reclamation Specialist

RE: Reclamation of Water Tank and Other Ancillary Facilities, Convulsion Canyon Mine, Southern Utah Fuel Company, ACT/041/002, Sevier County, Utah

SUMMARY

The Fishlake National Forest was contacted regarding reclamatiion of the water tank above the mine and other associated mine facilities.

No documentation was available which approved the sites as presently reclaimed.

ANALYSIS

I spoke by telephone to both, Kent Taylor and Lynn Findlay of the Fishlake Forest, regarding the status of reclamation at the Sufco mine. To the best of their knowledge, no approval or sign-off had been given to the water tank area.

In fact, they expressed concern about the water tank being left in place. They understand that all areas of disturbance associated with mining activities are to be reclaimed in accordance with the State Mining and Reclamation Plan.

A letter, dated April 27, 1984, is enclosed, which reaffirms their position that roads, water tanks and lines, power corridors, and other ancillary facilities should be included in the plan.

The water tank and other disturbed areas, not specifically covered by the plan, should be defined and included. Other specific sites to be addressed include; the pump house, leach field, and the spring collection system.

CONCLUSION:

Barring documentation, which the operator may have to the contrary, the water tank area and any other areas of surface disturbance associated with the Sufco Mine should be included in the Mining and Reclamation Plan. Specific details and time frames for the reclamation of these sites should be incorporated.

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Enclosure
cc: PFO

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Forest Service
Fishlake National Forest
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Richfield, Utah 84701
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Reply To: 2820-4

Date: October 11, 1989

Mr. Daron Haddock
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Re: Coastal States Energy Company, SUFCo Mine

Dear Mr. Haddock:

This is in follow-up to Lynn Findlay's telephone call to you on October 10, regarding reclamation of the water tank site at the above referenced mine. As mentioned, Lynn is unable to find documentation that final reclamation of the water tank site was approved or signed-off-on by us. Perhaps a copy of the approval could be obtained from SUFCo, if necessary, and that would give us something to go on. We are guessing that any approval given was interpreted, by SUFCo, to be for final reclamation but, was intended by us as approval for interim type reclamation to stabilize soil during mining operations. The final reclamation, to follow upon abandonment of the mine, would include any supplemental measures (such as the disposition of structures/facilities) needed to achieve post mining use standards.

Lynn did find a letter we sent to the Office of Surface Mining requesting that provisions for reclamation of roads, water tanks, and other ancillary facilities be included in the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the mine. As you requested, a copy is enclosed for your use.

Presently, we foresee no need for the water tank when the mine is abandoned. When final reclamation occurs we want it to include whatever measures are necessary to make the site acceptable to the Forest Service for post-mining use. Possibilities regarding the tank are to remove it and back fill the hole with soil; or, assuming it lies at sufficient depth under the soil surface, leave it in place and fill it with sand or other suitable material that would prevent it from collapsing; then reshape, revegetate, etc. the resulting disturbed areas, as needed.

Pending final reclamation, soil stability is to be maintained on all areas disturbed as a result of the mine's operations.

Even though the regulations provide for reclamation in a general sense, reclamation measures for the water tank site, and any other disturbed areas not covered specifically by the plan, should be defined and included in the existing plan. Doing so would hopefully eliminate any confusion or surprises when the time for final reclamation comes.

As discussed, it is our understanding that all activities resulting from or associated with the mine, including reclamation, are subject to the State's regulations for coal mining. Associated activities, even those outside the Federal coal lease boundary, are subject to the reclamation (and other) requirements of those regulations. Also, those activities in existence prior to the 1977 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, which are part of an operating mine, are to be incorporated into the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the mine.

Please let us know if we can be of further help. We appreciate your bringing this to our attention and look forward to working with you in resolving this and other matters that may arise.

Sincerely,

J. Kent Taylor

J. KENT TAYLOR
Forest Supervisor

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Office of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement
Brooks Tower
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Denver, Colorado 80202

Attention: Mr. Louis Hamm

Re: Coastal States Energy Co.
SUFCo Mine
Convulsion Canyon, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Lou:

This is in response to your April 12, 1984 Transmittal Sheet regarding 04/05/84 revisions for the Mining and Reclamation Plan and stipulation response to Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining's 12/22/83 Draft Final Technical Analysis.

We have reviewed the company's response to the above stipulations and find it adequate for the area it covers. In our review it was noticed that only the areas supporting the main surface facilities are addressed. We could find no mention of reclamation for roads, ~~water tanks and lines~~, power corridors, and other ancillary facilities. Perhaps reclamation provisions for these items are included elsewhere in the plan. If not, we request that adequate reclamation provisions be provided for these and any other areas of surface disturbance.

If there are any questions please contact Mr. Lynn Findlay at (FTS) 584-8292.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ronald K. Tew

J. KENT TAYLOR
Forest Supervisor

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OSM: ALBUQUERQUE (1)

FROM: OSM Senior Project Manager

We are forwarding herewith one (1) copy/two (2) copies of:

04/05/84 SUBMITTAL OF REVISIONS FOR MINING & RECLAMATION PLAN, STIPULATION RESPONSE TO UT DOGM 12/22/83 DRAFT FINAL TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

which consist(s) of (____ vols.), (2 maps) and/or (X pages), submitted by COASTAL STATES ENERGY Company for the CONVULSION CANYON Mine in SEVIER County, UTAH.

This material should be:

[X] Reviewed for "completeness" (and technical adequacy).

[X] BLM, MOAB; FISHLAKE & MANTI-LA SAL: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COMPANY HAS ALREADY FURNISHED THIS MATERIAL TO YOU (SEE ATTACHED LETTER). IF THIS IS NOT SO, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

[X] Utilized in the preparation of a written analysis which documents compliance with applicable regulations and identifies and explains any stipulations you consider necessary to assure compliance. Please provide analyses of any elements of the proposal which you believe that your staff should consider; however, at a minimum, we need your analysis of the following:

~~BLM~~/FS: [X] Identification of lands unsuitable for surface control mining and reclamation pursuant to Section 522 of SMCRA.

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[ ] The proposed coal recovery procedures and any conflicts with future recovery of coal resources.

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In order to meet the Departmental schedule for action on this submission, we request that you respond by April 27, 1984.

If you identify any additional information needs, please bring them to our attention. The OSM Project Leader for this plan is LOUIS HAMM (FTS 327-3806); the Senior Project Manager for UTAH is WALTER SWAIN (FTS 327-3806).