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RE: Amendment, New Substation, SUFCO, Convulsion Canyon Mine,  
ACT/041/002-90F, Folder #2, Sevier County, Utah

## Summary:

A proposed amendment for the addition of a new substation was received by the Division on November 9, 1990. The operator proposes to add the new facility on the southwest end of the existing parking lot. The construction of the new substation will increase the disturbed area by approximately 0.27 acres.

Information submitted in the proposal deals primarily with the design and the construction of the new substation facilities. However, information required in conjunction with the proposed amendment has not been included. This information deals primarily with the reclamation plan. Because the operator is in the process of reformatting and resubmitting the entire mining and reclamation plan in its entirety as part of permit renewal, it is anticipated that the inclusion of the new substation will be provided in the reclamation plan at that time.

## Analysis:

The new substation is adjacent to the existing disturbed areas. Reclamation treatments for the facilities will be similar to the reclamation work to be accomplished in the surrounding areas. The reclamation plan needs to be revised to include the substation by reference into the reclamation plan.

A significant amount of fill material will be required for the construction of the bin walls and the pad area supporting the new substation facility. The operator has not accurately identified the source and location for this fill material. The operator needs to identify on a map, the location of the borrow material. All borrow material must be

derived from within the permit area and the borrow area must be classified as disturbed area.

Further, the reclamation plan should identify where the fill material used for the construction of the pad will be placed during reclamation activity. These quantities as well as the quantities for concrete and other materials to be demolished or removed for reclamation should also be provided in the plan.

Specific detail for the drainage control of the area has not been sufficiently addressed in the proposal. The operator need to indicate specifically, which areas will drain to the sediment pond facilities and which areas, if any, are proposed for consideration as alternate sediment control areas. All diversion to be constructed in conjunction with the new substation should be designed with appropriate hydrologic calculations.

Additional bonding costs will be incurred as a result of the addition of the new substation. The operator will need to provide a reclamation cost estimate for the applicable reclamation treatments for the new substation facilities. In proportion to the existing disturbed area the increase in cost will be nominal. Contingencies incorporated into the existing bond amount should be sufficient at this time so as not to require an increase in the bond amount. Consequently, no additional bond will be required by the operator for the approval of this amendment. However, in conjunction with the 5-year permit renewal, the operator will be required to submit a detailed reclamation cost estimate for the entire facilities which will include the new substation area reclamation.

The operator needs to show the disturbed area boundary for the proposed facilities. This boundary should envelope all disturbances associated with the construction and the reclamation of the new substation. These boundary changes should be provided on the existing surface facilities map provided in the operation plan.

**Recommendations:**

Approval of the proposed new substation facilities is not recommended until the following information has been provided to the Division for approval:

1. A new surface mine facilities map showing the location of the new substation, the revised disturbed area boundaries, all diversions and

drainage controls prescribed within the new disturbed area, and the location of the fill materials borrow area.

2. A discussion in the reclamation plan, incorporating the new substation into the reclamation activities for the rest of the mine facilities.
3. Quantify reclamation treatments for the reclamation of the new substation, including demolition and removal, backfilling and grading, drainage restoration, and revegetation treatments for the facilities. These quantities and productivity calculations will be used in conjunction with the permit renewal review in determination of a new bond amount during that later review.