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To: File

From: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Coordinator pgl

Re: 510 (c) Recommendation for Permit Renewal, SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Folder #3, Sevier County, Utah

As of this writing of this memo, there are no NOVs or COs which are not corrected or in the process of being corrected for the SUFCO Mine. There are no finalized civil penalties which are outstanding and overdue in the name of Canyon Fuel Company, LLC. Canyon Fuel Company, LLC does not have a demonstrated pattern of willful violations, nor have they been subject to any bond forfeitures for any operation in the state of Utah.

Attached is an OSM recommendation from the Applicant Violator System with an issue recommendation for the SUFCO Mine for this permit renewal.

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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: XXX Complete:__ Exploration:__
Inspection Date & Time: 5/12/97 / 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 4/2/97

Mine Name: SUFCO Mine County: Sevier Permit Number: ACT/041/002
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Canyon Fuel Company
Business Address: 397 South 800 West, Salina, Utah 84564
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface__ Prep. Plant__ Other__
Company Official(s): Mike Davis
State Officials(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Sunny, Warm, 70's
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 17301 Disturbed- 67.8 Regraded- 0.5 Seeded- 0.5 Bonded- 0.5
Increased/Decreased: Permitted-___ Disturbed-___ Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-___
Status: _Exploration/_XXX_Active/___Inactive/__Temporary Cessation/__Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (__Phase I/__Phase II/__Final Bond Release/__Liability_____Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions
1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
   a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
   b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

		EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
3.	TOPSOIL	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a.	DIVERSIONS	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
b.	SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
c.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
d.	WATER MONITORING	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
e.	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
5.	EXPLOSIVES	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]
13.	REVEGETATION	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]
14.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]
16.	ROADS:				
a.	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
b.	DRAINAGE CONTROLS	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
17.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
18.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
19.	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____(date)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
20.	AIR QUALITY PERMIT	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

PERMIT NUMBER: **ACT/041/002** DATE OF INSPECTION: 5/12/97

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

4a. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The access road to the mine site sediment pond needs to have the ditch, which is adjacent to the toe of the slope, re-defined. A minor slide along this cutbank has blocked a portion of this drainage; the remainder of this ditch needs reconfigured to specification.

The discharge end of the 48" inch culvert, which is the bypass culvert for upper East Spring Canyon and Mud Spring Hollow (drains to Quitchupah Creek via lower East Spring Canyon), is filling in with sediment. The gradient of the ditch immediately below the discharge is also silted in and needs to be lowered to reduce the sediment build-up rate within the culvert.

Piping was observed in the mine site sediment pond access road diversion ditch very close to the under road crossing of the culvert (pipe number 5) which carries the drainage from undisturbed watershed DWN-1 to lower East Spring Canyon. It was assumed that this culvert has a hole, causing the piping. Mr. Davis agreed to investigate the matter to correct the piping.

4c. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The silt fence at the topsoil storage pile directly below the mine site sediment pond needs new fabric installed.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

Two areas of spilled/dumped coal were observed along the County access road to the mine. The first was observed on a bank at the bottom of a dugway; Mr. Davis indicated that it was the resultof a Robinson Trucking run-a-way. The second spill is located on the County gravel storage pad adjacent to the mines waste rock site. This appears to be intentional, even though it is not a full trailer's volume. Mr. Davis indicated that SUFCO management is currently investigating this incident, and that both spills would be cleaned up.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

It has been necessary for the permittee to make repairs on a control valve and line at the pumphouse located east of the spring collection field in the bottom canyon. The area which was dug up needs to have some sort of sediment control implemented until the vegetation can be re-established. The disturbed area perimeter marker on the SE corner was destroyed by this activity. Mr. Davis agreed to replace the marker.

INSPECTION REPORT
(Continuation sheet)

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20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT

The permittee should look at an alternative to the current method of controlling fugitive dust in the coal yard/truck loading area. The current practice is for the front end loader operator to load his bucket with water from the sediment trap and traverse the yard dispersing the water as he travels. The SUFCO Mine is continually setting new production records. In light of this, it seems that the FEL will be much busier loading trucks and fugitive dust control will suffer. It was suggested to Mr. Davis that oscillating sprinklers or another method of dust control be implemented in the yard to control fugitive dust.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Mike Davis (Canyon Fuel) Henry Austin (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: May 14, 1997

Inspector's Signature: Peter Hess #46
Peter Hess