

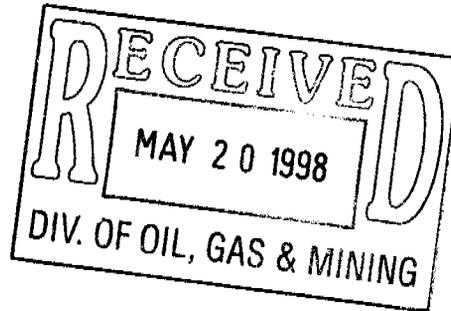


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May 13, 1998

Permit Supervisor
Utah Coal Regulatory Program
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RET/041/002 #2

Re: SUFCO Mine M&RP Revision for Link Canyon Ventilation Portal and Substation

Dear Permit Supervisor:

The enclosed eight copies of materials are being submitted to allow construction of a ventilation portal and small substation in Link Canyon. Forms C1 and C2 are included showing changes needed in Chapters 1-5, and 7 and the associated Appendices.

The text is being completely resubmitted for Chapter 5 to get rid of the previous redline and strikeout text and to update the headings to reflect Canyon Fuel Company, LLC ownership. Text for Chapters 1 to 4, and 7 is only being submitted for the pages that have modifications. Several Appendices have been added to deal with the breakout and substation. Text pages 3-6, 3-7, 3-31, and 8-6 are being submitted to eliminate the redline and strikeout format for these previously approved pages in the MRP.

All the new disturbed area for the Link Canyon facility area, which includes the portal breakout, substation, and the powerline corridor between them, are located within the present approved Permit area. The Baseline Information for the Permit Area which includes this part of Link Canyon such as Description of Hydrologic Resources and Characteristics, Ground Water-Surface Water, Ground and Surface Water Monitoring, Water Quality Data, Geology, Prime Farmland, Alluvial Valley Floors, and Maps are located in the SUFCO Mine M&RP. "SUFCO", "SUFCO Mine Area", "Mine Area" or "Permit Area" references in the present plan would also refer to and include the Link Canyon facility area.

The Link Canyon Ventilation Portal will need to be used as a ventilation intake and an escapeway for quick escape from the 4 East area of the mine in the event the mine requires evacuation. The portal breakout will be constructed from within the mine using underground mining equipment to minimize

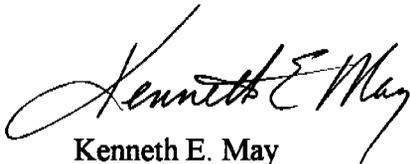
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the amount of disturbance. Sediment control measures, reclamation and revegetation of the Link Canyon portal breakout will be done the same way as the other portal breakouts approved in the MRP.

The proposed Link Canyon Substation and Power Line are needed for future mining of the northernmost reserves on the existing leases. A small earthen pad will need to be leveled for the substation. A berm will be constructed around the outer perimeter of the substation fence to a minimum height of one foot for spill containment. The leveled pad area will be graveled and sloped where runoff will be treated with silt fence and/or straw bales before leaving the site. Out-slopes of the pad will be revegetated during the first fall season after the pad is constructed. During reclamation, the substation and power poles will be removed and the pad will be reclaimed for its entire length by removing fill from beneath the pad area to the natural ground surface and placing the fill against the adjacent cut slope.

The letter to the USFS Manti-LaSal National Forest requesting approval to conduct coal mining and reclamation operations to construct the substation within 100 feet of the Link Canyon forest service road is located in Appendix 1-1. The approval letter from the USFS Manti-LaSal National Forest will be added to Appendix 1-1 and submitted to the Division as soon as it is received by Canyon Fuel Company. The newspaper advertisement appears in Appendix 1-3. Verification of the advertisement appearing in the appropriate newspapers will be added to Appendix 1-3 and submitted to the Division no later than 4 weeks after publication.

Sincerely,
CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC
SUFCO Mine



Kenneth E. May
General Manager

Encl.

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change X
 New Permit
 Renewal
 Transfer
 Exploration
 Bond Release

Permit Number: ACT/041/002

Title of Proposal: Link Canyon Amendment

Mine: SUFCO MINE

Permittee: CANYON FUEL CO., LLC

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

Revision for Link Canyon Substation & Breakout. Need by July 1, 1998 for the summer construction season.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? 0.157 acres increase decrease.

Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____

Yes No 3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?

Yes No 4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?

Yes No 5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?

Yes No 6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?

Yes No 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?

Yes No 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?

Yes No 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____

Yes No 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____

Yes No 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?

Yes No 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)

Yes No 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?

Yes No 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?

Yes No 15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?

Yes No 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?

Yes No 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?

Yes No 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?

Yes No 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?

Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?

Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?

Yes No 22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?

Yes No 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 8 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

Kenneth E. May
Signed - Kenneth E. May, General Manager - Date 5/14/98

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of May, 1998.

Ella Ruth Wayman
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____, 19____
Attest: STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____



Notary Public
 ELLA RUTH WAYMAN
30 North 500 West
Aurora, Utah 84620
Commission Expires
December 16, 1998
State of Utah

Received by Oil, Gas & Mining

ASSIGNED TRACKING NUMBER

Application for Permit Processing Detailed Schedule of Changes to the MRP

Title of Application: Link Canyon Amendment

Permit Number: ACT/041/002

Mine: SUFCO MINE

Permittee: CANYON FUEL CO., LLC

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the mining and reclamation plan which will be required as a result of this proposed permit application. Individually list all maps and drawings which are to be added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes of the table of contents, section of the plan, pages, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the existing mining and reclamation plan. **Include page, section and drawing numbers as part of the description.**

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Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?