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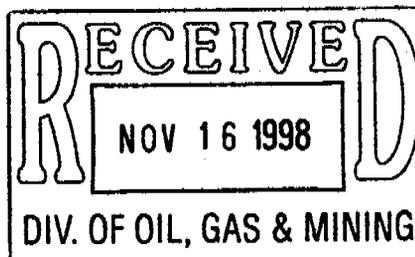
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Re: Minor Modification to Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), 4 East Mains, SUFCO Mine

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

*ACT/041/002 #2
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(for)*

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received and reviewed a copy of the subject mine plan modification to the R2P2. The modification from Canyon Fuel addresses changes to the current approved R2P2 due to encountering adverse mining conditions in Federal coal lease U-63214 at the SUFCO Mine.

Canyon Fuel proposes to halt the east development of the 4 East Main entries near crosscut 145. The planned Pines North Mains would be moved back west and mined north in place of the 15 Left 4 East gateroad entries. These mains would then be mined east and would become the Pines East Mains as previously planned. The block of coal left between the new Pines North Mains and the Link Canyon outcrop could be mined at the end of the use of the entries. Canyon Fuel reports a hot coal zone encountered in the 4 East Mains as justification for the modification.

We have inspected and noted the hot faces in the 4 East Mains with temperatures above 110 degrees F. We have seen similar situations at a couple of mines on the Book Cliffs/Wasatch Plateau coal fields and agree that further mining in this zone would make the working face too hot and humid for working conditions and could create a serious ignition hazard.

The BLM has determined that the proposed modification complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and conditions, and will achieve maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal. The mining plan for the 4 East area is approved as shown on the enclosed map. This approval confirms verbal approval given to halt the 4 East advance and begin the new Pine North Mains. Also, the approval is only for the underground mining plan for this area. We recognize that the 4 East Mains were to breakout into Link Canyon for an added power source into the mine. That proposal is under the jurisdiction of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. Should the proposed plan for the breakout and power sub-station change due to this hot coal zone, approval would need to come from that agency.

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If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk of my staff at (435) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Manus

Field Office Manager

Enclosure

Approved Mine Map

cc: UT-921, SD, Utah (w/enclosure)
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PRESENT MINE PLAN

**EXPLORATION PLAN APPROVED BY
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

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