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FROM: Robert Davidson, Soils Reclamation Specialist *RAD*

RE: Administrative Completeness Review - Link Canyon, SUFCO Mine, Canyon Fuel Co., LLC, ACT/041/002, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

SYNOPSIS

Canyon Fuel Co., LLC, has re-submitted the Link Canyon amendment on May 20, 1998 that was originally submitted on January 22, 1998 for constructing a portal and substation in Link Canyon. This document supplies the Administrative Completeness Review for soils, Section R645-301-200.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Directions: The categories listed below correspond to the minimum requirements for information necessary to initiate processing and public review. If a category is checked the Applicant has met the Completeness requirement for that category. If a category is not checked, the Completeness requirements have not been met. The comments column will identify the deficiency and what is necessary to correct it.

			Comments
301-200	Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
211	Description of Premining Soil Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
212	Soil Resource Protection measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

221	Prime Farmland Investigation	✓	
222	Soil Survey	✓	
224	Substitute Topsoil Info (When Proposed)	✓	
230	Operation Plan: Topsoil Handling/Removal/Storage	✓	- Topsoil signs need to be placed on the Link Canyon Substation pad outslopes. - Fence pad outslopes to prevent damage from cattle grazing to the stockpiled topsoil.
240	Reclamation Plan: Soil Redistribution/Stabilization	✓	- Fence reclaimed pad, access road, and affected slopes to prevent damage form cattle grazing during reclamation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

During operations for topsoil storage, the stockpiled soil needs to be selectively placed on a stable site within the permit area. In order to secure and protect the soil stored on the pad outslopes, The following are needed:

- “Topsoil” signs need to be placed on the Link Canyon Substation pad outslopes.
- Fence pad outslopes to prevent damage from cattle grazing to the stockpiled topsoil.

The general requirements for the reclamation plan requires that the redistributed soils need to be stabilized and protected from surface disturbance. Since the proposed project area lies entirely within the Emery C& H grazing allotment, the redistributed soils and reclaimed surface need protection from grazing. Therefore, to prevent surface disturbance from frequented cattle, the perimeter needs to fenced for the reclaimed pad, access road, and reclaimed slope.