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TECHNICAL FIELD VISIT

DATE: November 5, 1999
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ATTENDANTS: Chris Hansen, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC

RE: Link Canyon Portal Break Out and Substation, Canyon Fuel Company, SUFCO Mine, ACT/041/002, Sevier County, Utah

File #2

Purpose:

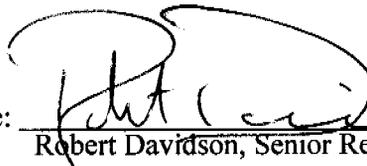
- Observe topsoil resources at the newly proposed substation pad which is located at the current Link Canyon break-out. The proposed pad is located up the canyon from the newly constructed substation pad.

Background:

- On January 11, 1999 the Division approved Canyon Fuel's Link Canyon Substation Proposal. During July 1999, Canyon Fuel proceeded to construct the Link Canyon substation pad.
- Canyon Fuel was unable to proceed with the proposed Link Canyon break-out because they ran into an active area of burning coal. Therefore, their proposed break-out was relocated further up-canyon which necessitates constructing the substation pad further up-canyon from the current pad.

Observations & Recommendations:

- Canyon Fuel recently broke out up-canyon, approximately 1/4 mile further up the canyon from the newly constructed Link Canyon substation pad. This necessitates abandoning the newly constructed pad and reconstructing a new substation pad near the location of the break out.
- The proposed relocation falls at the intersection of an old, abandoned mining road and the Link Canyon road. Therefore, a portion of the pad area has already been disturbed, both from previous mining activity and from the current break out activities, which appear to be confined to the old road.
- A soil survey was recently performed by Dan Larsen for the new proposed location. The soil survey identifies topsoil and subsoil resources at the proposed relocation area. This land-form and slopes are much shallower, and therefore, soils are available for salvage. A soil survey is forthcoming with an amendment for the Division's approval.
- Canyon Fuel proposes to salvage soils from the area at the start of construction. Salvaged soil will be stored in a topsoil stockpile immediately adjacent to the pad. Canyon Fuel does not propose to bury any soils on the pad out-slope as approved in the previous substation pad construction.

Signature: 
Robert Davidson, Senior Reclamation Specialist

on November 8, 1999