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Re: Sealing South Portals M&RP Permit Amendment, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC,
SUFCO Mine C/041/002

Dear Permit Supervisor:

The enclosed eight copies of materials are being submitted to allow Sufco to seal the two south portal intake entries. The mine entries leading to these portals have deteriorated to the point where MSHA is requesting us to seal the area off because of safety to personnel. Forms C1 and C2 are included showing changes needed in Chapter 5.

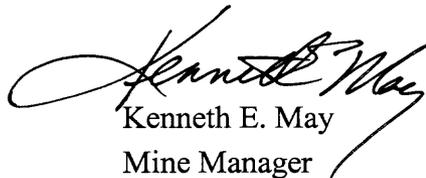
Text on page 5-54 has been modified for sealing the South Portals. The approved plan for abandonment of mine openings and sealing of underground openings is located in our M&RP in Section 5.4.2.7 and in Section 5.5.1. The soil will be revegetated in accordance with the methods described in Section 3.4.1. Due to the location of the South Portals, the portal entries will be backfilled from inside the mine before the seal construction. Plate 5-2C has been updated to show the proposed changes.

In addition, the Sufco mine has run into a sand channel at the North end of the longwall panels in the Pines Tract. With this sand channel at the end of the longwall panels there will not be a breakout into Muddy Creek as originally planned. Text has been modified in Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 in the MRP to eliminate the references to the proposed Muddy Creek breakout portal.

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The portal sealing and the reclamation work needs to be done this summer as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mike Davis at (435) 286-4421.

Sincerely,
CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC
SUFCO Mine



Kenneth E. May
Mine Manager

Encl.

cc: DOGM - Price Field Office
Fishlake National Forest
DOGM Correspondence File

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APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change New Permit Renewal Exploration Bond Release Transfer

Permittee: CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC

Mine: SUFCO MINE

Permit Number: C/041/002

Title: Sealing South Portals

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

The South Portals need to be sealed because the mine entries have deteriorated to a point were they are unsafe.

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

- Yes No 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: _____ Disturbed Area: 0.077 increase decrease.
- Yes No 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____
- Yes No 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
- Yes No 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
- Yes No 5. Does the 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 the 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 calculation?
- Yes No 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
- Yes No 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?
- Yes No 22. Does the 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?

Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is on or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five (5) copies, thank you. (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field Office)

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.

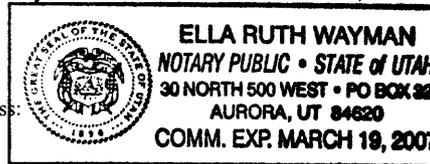
KENNETH E. MAY, MINE MANAGER
Print Name

Kenneth E. May
Sign Name, Position, Date

6/21/04

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of June, 2004

Ella Ruth Wayman
Notary Public



My commission Expires: _____, 20____ }
Attest: State of _____ }
County of _____ }

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