

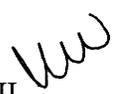
TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

August 19, 2009

TO: Internal File

THRU: Dave Darby, Lead 

FROM: Ingrid Wieser, Environmental Scientist II 

RE: Raptor Survey Amendment, Canyon Fuel Company, SUFCO Mine, C/041/0002 and Project #3358

SUMMARY:

On August 3, 2009, the Division received an amendment to update the raptor survey procedures for SUFCO from Canyon Fuel Company. The amendment modified two pages of the MRP in response to the Division of Wildlife Resources ending the monitoring program.

No deficiencies were identified in the amendment and the amendment is therefore recommended for approval.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

OPERATION PLAN

FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 784.21, 817.97; R645-301-322, -301-333, -301-342, -301-358.

Analysis:

Bald and Golden Eagles

The permittee amended page 3-9 to reflect changes in the raptor monitoring program. As of 2009, the DWR will no longer be conducting aerial raptor surveys. The individual mines will need to hire a consultant to do survey work. Due to this change, the permittee added language that reflected this. The permittee also added that raptor surveys will be conducted in areas affected by subsidence *during the year that it will be subsided* on a yearly basis using aerial or ground surveys near the end of May. This updated language follows the Division Raptor Guidelines sent to all operators in 2008.

Findings:

The information provided is adequate to meet the minimum regulatory requirements for this section.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The amendment is recommended for approval.