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Dear Program Supervisor:

Enclosed are annual certification reports for Canyon Fuel Company's SUFCO Mine: Minesite Primary Sedimentation Pond, Minesite Sedimentation Overflow Pond, Waste Rock Disposal Site and the associated Waste Rock Sedimentation Pond.

These certifications are being submitted prior to SUFCO's Annual Report as required by R645-514.

Sincerely,
CANYON FUEL COMPANY, LLC
SUFCO Mine



Jacob D. Smith, P.E.
Technical Services Manager

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cc: DOGM Sediment Pond Inspection File
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**ANNUAL MINESITE PRIMARY SEDIMENTATION POND
CERTIFICATION -- 2015**

Jacob D. Smith, P.E. on September 28, 2015, conducted an inspection of Canyon Fuel Company's SUFCO Minesite Primary Sediment Pond.

There were no signs of structural weakness in the area of the sediment pond.

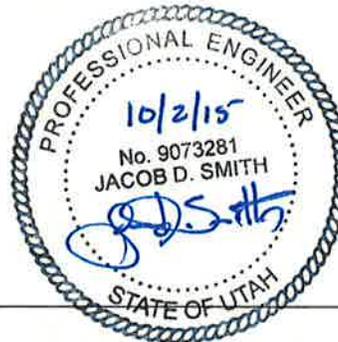
The fill slope above the pond was eroded with some minor gullies in random locations. There were no signs of instability of the fill slope.

The decant structure appeared to be functional and the decant valve was locked.

The standpipe spillway in the pond is at an elevation of 7,418.15. The water elevation is at 7,418.15. Approximately an additional 0.29 acre-ft. of storage volume was available in the pond above the current standpipe spillway level. The sediment level in the pond just north of the decant structure was at 7,408.85. This elevation is 0.75 ft. above the 60% sediment level.

A copy of the field notes are attached.

I certify that the above description accurately represents the condition of the Minesite Sediment Pond as observed during my inspection on September 28, 2015.



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CANYON FUEL COMPANY - SUFCO MINE

Minesite Primary Sediment Pond Annual Inspection Report

Inspector Jacob Smith Date 9/28/15

1. Dam Structural Weakness

A. Cracks or scarps on crest Yes No

None observed

B. Cracks or scarps on slope Yes No

None observed

C. Sloughing or bulging on slope Yes No

None observed

2. Major Erosion Problems Yes No

None observed

3. Surface Movements of Surrounding Slopes Yes No

None observed

4. Visible Sumps or Sinkholes in Slurry Surface Yes No

None observed

5. Clogging

A. Spillway channels and pipes Yes No

Clear - none observed

B. Decant System Yes No

Value locked

C. Diversion ditches

___ Yes No

None observed

6. Seepage (Specify Location, Color and Approx. Volume)

___ Yes No

None observed

7. Any appearance of instability, structural weakness, or other hazardous conditions

___ Yes No

None observed

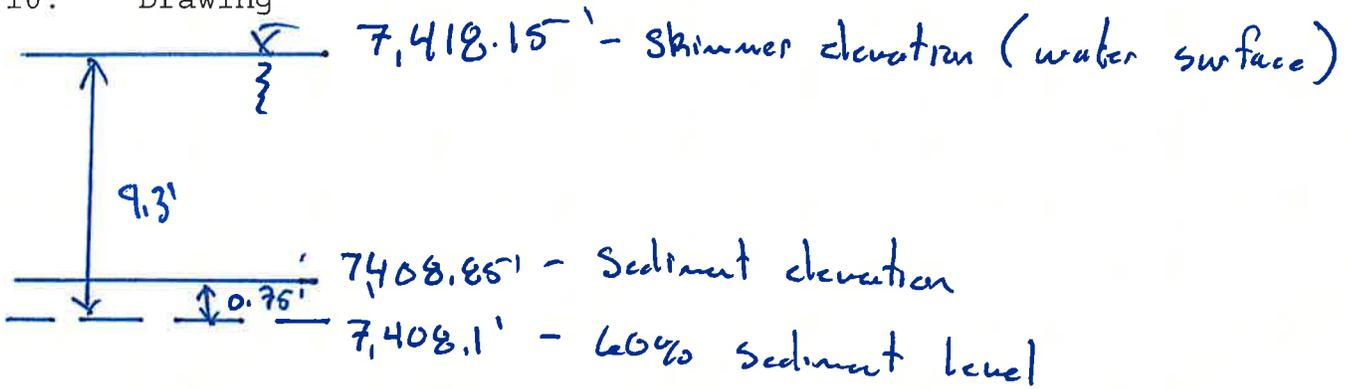
8. Weir level

___ Yes No

9. Other Comments

Everything appears to be operating normally. The pond will need to be drained and cleaned in the spring.

10. Drawing



**ANNUAL MINESITE SEDIMENTATION OVERFLOW POND
CERTIFICATION -- 2015**

Jacob D. Smith, P.E. on September 28, 2015 conducted an inspection of Canyon Fuel Company's SUFCO Minesite Sediment Overflow Pond.

There were no signs of structural weakness in the area of the sediment pond.

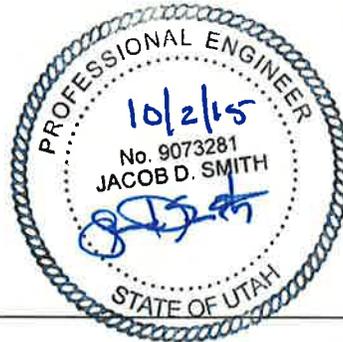
The fill slope above the pond was eroded with some minor gullies in random locations. There were no signs of instability of the fill slope.

The decant structure appeared to be functional and the decant valve was locked.

The water in the pond was at an elevation of 7,252.5, which is at the standpipe spillway elevation. The sediment level in the pond just north of the decant structure was at 7,241.9. This elevation is 1.81 ft. below the 60% sediment level.

A copy of the field notes is attached.

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Minesite Sediment Overflow Pond Annual Inspection Report

Inspector Jacob Smith Date 9/28/15

1. Dam Structural Weakness

A. Cracks or scarps on crest ___ Yes NoNone observedB. Cracks or scarps on slope ___ Yes NoNone observedC. Sloughing or bulging on slope ___ Yes NoNone observed2. Major Erosion Problems ___ Yes NoNone observed3. Surface Movements of Surrounding Slopes ___ Yes NoNone observed4. Visible Sumps or Sinkholes in Slurry Surface ___ Yes NoNone observed

5. Clogging

A. Spillway channels and pipes ___ Yes NoClear none observedB. Decant System ___ Yes NoValve locked

C. Diversion ditches

___ Yes No

None observed

6. Seepage (Specify Location, Color and Approx. Volume)

___ Yes No

None observed

7. Any appearance of instability, structural weakness, or other hazardous conditions

___ Yes No

None observed

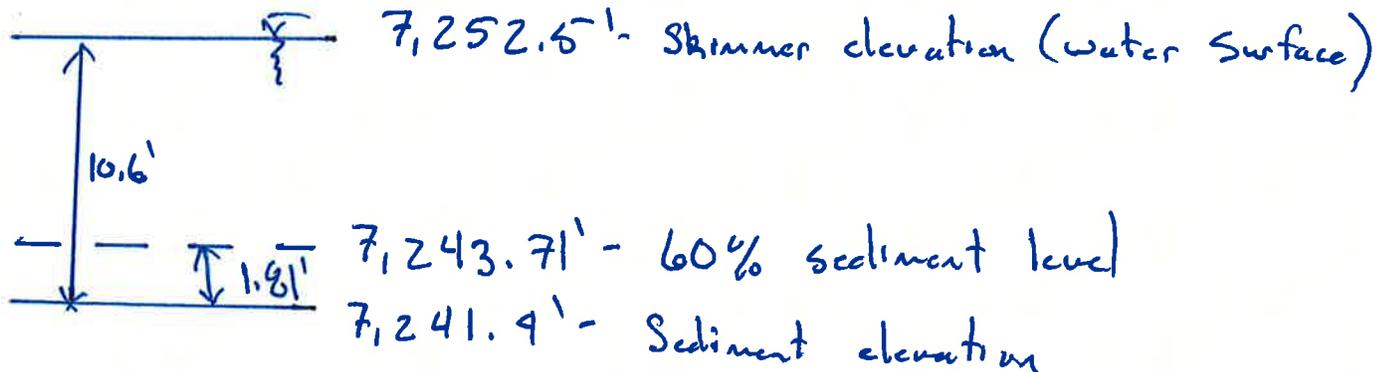
8. Weir level

___ Yes No

9. Other Comments

Everything appears to be in normal operating condition.

10. Drawing



**ANNUAL WASTE ROCK SEDIMENTATION POND
CERTIFICATION -- 2015**

Jacob D. Smith, P.E. made an inspection of Canyon Fuel Company's SUFCO Mine Waste Rock Sediment Pond and associated Decant Impoundment on September 28, 2015.

No signs of structural weakness of the sediment pond dam or decant impoundment dam were observed.

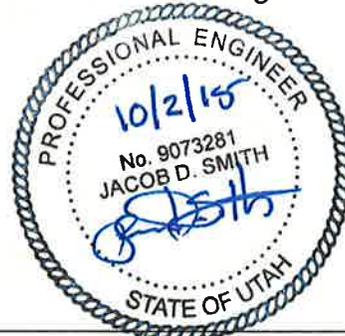
The spillways and decant devices are in good condition and are functional.

The sediment level at the east inlet of the pond was at an elevation of 7,884.3 ft. The 60% sediment level for the pond is at 7885.15 ft. There is an additional 0.85 ft. of depth in the pond before the clean out level is reached. An additional 5.02 ft. of depth is available in the pond before it would discharge through the primary spillway.

No sediment or water was observed in the decant impoundment.

A copy of the field notes of the inspection is attached.

I certify that the above description accurately represents the condition of the Waste Rock Sedimentation Pond and Decant Impoundment observed during the inspection conducted on September 28, 2015.



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CANYON FUEL COMPANY - SUFCO MINE

Rock Waste Sediment Pond Annual Inspection Report

Inspector Jacob Smith Date 9/28/15

1. Dam Structural Weakness

A. Cracks or scarps on crest ___ Yes NoNone observedB. Cracks or scarps on slope ___ Yes NoNone observedC. Sloughing or bulging on slope ___ Yes NoNone observed2. Major Erosion Problems ___ Yes NoNone observed3. Surface Movements of Surrounding Slopes ___ Yes NoNone observed4. Visible Sumps or Sinkholes in Slurry Surface ___ Yes NoNone observed

5. Clogging

A. Spillway channels and pipes ___ Yes NoClear - Never UsedB. Decant System ___ Yes NoClear - Valve locked

C. Diversion ditches Yes No

No obstructions

6. Seepage (Specify Location, Color and Approx. Volume)

Yes No

None observed

7. Any appearance of instability, structural weakness, or other hazardous conditions

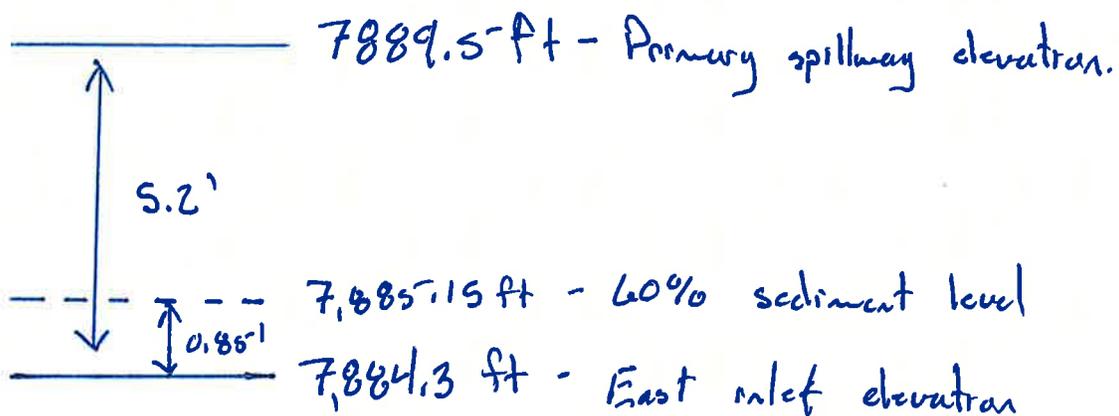
Yes No

None observed

8. Other Comments

Everything appears to be in normal operating condition.

10. Drawing



**ANNUAL WASTE ROCK DISPOSAL SITE
CERTIFICATION -- 2015**

Jacob D. Smith, P.E. on September 28, 2015 made an inspection of Canyon Fuel Company's SUFCO Mine Waste Rock Disposal Site.

The pad of the fifth cell has active dimensions of about 200 ft. x 90 ft. This underground development waste is dumped from 10 wheel end-dump trucks in piles about 3.5-4 ft high. These piles are leveled with a D-7 Cat dozer or a 988 Cat loader. The resulting lift thickness is 18-24 inches. The dozer/loader and loaded trucks are routed over the pad to compact the lift.

Final and intermediate construction slopes were at or less than the designed 1v:2h (26.5°) on the south and west slope. Slopes are constructed such that water cannot collect against the toe.

The 5th cell has been started.

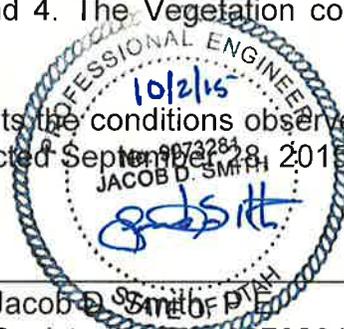
No fires have occurred at the site since it was constructed and none were observed during the inspection.

No significant erosion was observed at the time of inspection.

A copy of the field notes is attached.

Vegetation is growing abundantly on cells 1, 2, 3 and 4. The Vegetation consists of grass, brush and forbes.

I certify that the above description accurately represents the conditions observed at the Waste Rock Disposal Site during my inspection conducted September 28, 2015.



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CANYON FUEL COMPANY - SUFCO MINE

Coal Refuse Pile Annual Inspection Report

Inspector Jacob Smith Title Engineering ManagerDate 9/28/15 Permit # ACT/041/0021. Foundation Preparation (vegetation, topsoil removal?) Yes No2. Lift Thickness (inches) 18-24"3. Compaction Yes No4. Burning (specify extent and location) Yes NoNone observed5. Angle of Slope (degrees) 26.5°6. Seepage (specify location, color, & appr. volume) Yes NoNone observed7. Cracks or Scarps (location and size) Yes NoNone observed8. Major Erosion Problems (location and extent) Yes NoNone observed9. Water Impounding Against Toe Yes NoNone observed10. Any appearance of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions Yes NoNone observedJacob D. Smith~~John D. Byars, P.E.~~Registration No. 334504-2202

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