

March 28, 2016

Permit Supervisor
Utah Coal Regulatory program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
PO Box 145801
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Re: Clean Copies of the Addition of Intense Surface Roughening Techniques to Erosion Control Soil Treatment, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Sufco Mine

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed with this letter an amendment to the Sufco Mine Waste Rock Disposal Site Permit. We have included the C1 and C2 forms as well as clean text associated with this amendment.

We appreciate your cooperation in completing the review and final approval of this project. If you have questions or need addition information please contact Wyatt Shakespear at (435) 286-4490.

CANYON FUEL COMPANY
SUFco Mine



Jacob Smith
Technical Services Manager

Encl.

cc: DOGM Correspondence File

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/041/0002

Title: Addition of Intense Surface Roughing to Erosion Control Soil Treatment

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: _____ Disturbed Area: <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?
<i>Explain:</i> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)

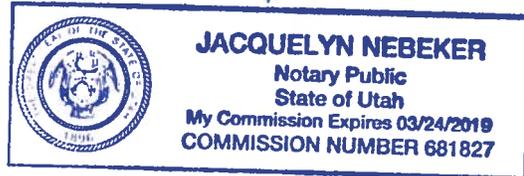
I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

Kenneth E. May
Print Name

Kenneth E. May 3/28/16
Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of March, 2016

Jacquelyn Nebeker
Notary Public
My commission Expires: _____, 20____
Attest: State of _____ } ss:
County of _____



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242.200 Regrading

Since the site has been disturbed by previous activities and will be used to permanently store coal mine waste, the area will not be returned to the original geometric configuration. Prior to soil redistribution, the disturbed area will be graded to meet the proposed final reclamation topography (Map 8).

The surface of the refuse pile will be left in a roughened state and in addition will be ripped prior to the application of soil. After the 1st lift of subsoil is placed, the surface of the refuse pile will be ripped again to a depth of approximately 12 inches in an effort to promote root penetration and to mix the top layer of the refuse with the subsoil.

The second type of surface consists of roads, perimeter ditches, and operational areas which may be compacted through their use. The surface will be ripped to a depth of approximately

1.5 to 2 feet with a ripper-equipped tractor or other appropriate equipment where possible to reduce surface compaction, to assure soil adherence, and promote root penetration. Following the ripping of the soils and the application of stockpiled soils, extreme roughening techniques will be applied. Extreme surface roughening techniques may include pocking and gouging, ripping, or other erosion control roughening methods. When pocking and gouging, a backhoe or trackhoe will be used to create microbasins with an approximate depth of 18" and the width of the bucket (30" or less). Soil removed to form the microbasins will be dropped above the microbasin onto the soil surface.

242.300 Topsoil Redistribution on Impoundments and Roads

The sedimentation pond and embankment will be breached and reclaimed with the other surface disturbed areas. Similarly, reclamation of abandoned roads will also follow the same technique as for other disturbed areas.

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Soil nutrients and amendments may be applied to the redistributed soil as necessary, to establish the vegetative cover. Refer to Section 231.300 for additional detail.

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Since the area to be reseeded is relatively flat, the proposed seeding rate of 20.9 lbs per acre seems adequate. Previous experience with reseeding attempts show that similar rates provide good revegetation success. The seed will be drilled where possible and broadcast as necessary on steep slopes or for touch-up effort. When broadcast seeding methods are used the seeding rate will be doubled to 41.8 lbs. per acre.

Method Used for Planting and Seeding - The waste rock pile site will be permanently reclaimed section-by-section. Refer to Chapter 5, Sections 536 and 540 for a discussion of the sequence of the construction and contemporaneous reclamation of the waste rock pile.

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Residential, Public Service and Industrial Land Use - No residential, industrial or public service use is planned at the present time.

Once the topsoil and subsoil has been removed (Sections 222 and 231), subgrade surface will be scarified and re-compacted to a minimum of 90% maximum density. Densities will be taken on subgrade at a minimum of one per 5000 square yards using a nuclear density gauge. Scarification will be done using earth moving equipment such as a grader, dozer or excavator. Compaction will be done utilizing the same type of equipment by wheel rolling the subgrade surface prior to any waste rock being placed. Water will be added to material as needed to obtain compaction.

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