

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

In reply, refer to WTR-5

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Mr. Gary Wendt Manager, Environmental Affairs Peabody Western Coal Company P.O. Box 605 Navajo Route 41 Kayenta, AZ 86033

Re: Proposed NPDES Permit NN0022179; Black Mesa Complex

Dear Mr. Wendt:

Please find enclosed the proposed permit, fact sheet, and public notice for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal for the Black Mesa Complex.

EPA is proposing to renew the NPDES permit for the Black Mesa complex that has been in operation since the early 1970s. The NPDES permit authorizes the discharge of treated runoff from active mine areas, coal preparation plant areas, and reclamation areas. Peabody Western Coal Company submitted a timely application for a NPDES permit renewal on August 5, 2005. This proposed permit incorporates new regulatory requirements for the Western Alkaline Coal Mining Subcategory for reclamation areas (promulgated January 2002) and incorporates revisions to the Seep Monitoring and Management Plan to reflect results of the monitoring study conducted during the previous permit term. Additionally, several new outfall locations have been added and several have been eliminated due to ongoing mining activities. No other significant changes have been made to the permit.

The public notice on the draft permit and fact sheet is being published in the *Navajo Times* on or about February 19th, 2009 for a public comment period of 30 days. The comment period will close on or about March 21, 2009.

Please feel free to call John Tinger of my staff with any questions or comments at 415 972-3518 or at Tinger.John@EPA.GOV.

Sincerely,

Douglas E. Eberhardt, Chief NPDES Permits Office

Enclosures (3):

Draft Permit Draft Statement of Basis Pre-publication Public Notice

CC: w/attachments Mr. Patrick Antonio Navajo Nation EPA P.O. Box 339 Window Rock, AZ 86515

Mr. Dennis Winterringer Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement P.O. Box 46667 Denver, CO 80201-6667

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Ms. Rita Whitehorse-Larsen
The Navajo Nation
Department of Fish & Wildlife
Navajo Natural Heritage Program
P. O. Box 1480
Window Rock, Arizona

The Hopi Tribe Water Resources Office P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Mr. Mike Eisenfeld San Juan Citizens Alliance 108 North Behrend, Suite I Farmington, NM 87402

Ms. Lori Goodman Diné Care 1022 Main Avenue Durango, CO 81302

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX

Public Notice #: AZ-09-W-05

Public Notice Date: February 19, 2009 Comment Period Closes: March 21, 2009

The U.S. EPA is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit NN0022179 to: Peabody Western Coal Company – Black Mesa Complex, P.O. Box 650, Kayenta, AZ 86033.

The Black Mesa Complex is a surface coal mine located southwest of Kayenta, Arizona. The complex is located on land leased within the boundaries of the Navajo and Hopi Indian Reservations primarily located in Navajo County, AZ. The permittee is required to control all surface runoff water with the potential of being contaminated from contact with mining activities. EPA initially issued a NPDES permit to the facility in the 1970s. The proposed permit incorporates recent regulatory changes to the Coal Mining Point Source Category (40 CFR Part 434) and implements changes to a Seep Monitoring and Management Plan but otherwise does not significantly change the previous permit.

The administrative record, including the draft permit, fact sheet, comments received, all data submitted by the applicant, and other relevant documents is open for public inspection during normal business hours (9:00-5:00) at the above address. Requests to obtain or review the administrative record should be made to the contact listed below. Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period to the contact listed below. All comments or objections received within the comment period will be retained and considered in the formulation of the final permit determination. A request for a public hearing may be made in writing to the contact below (40 CFR Part 124.11).

Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. Within 33 days after EPA issues the final permit, any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing may petition the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the permit decision (40 CFR Part 124.19).

When public interest warrants, USEPA may schedule a public hearing or may grant an extension of the comment period for the submittal of comments or objections (40 CFR Part 124.14).

EPA is soliciting comments on the proposal. EPA will consider all comments received during comment period before taking final action. To submit comments, or to obtain additional information including the proposed permit and administrative record, please contact:

John Tinger (415) 972-3518 or Tinger.John@epa.gov EPA Region IX (WTR-5) 75 Hawthorne Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

Website: http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/pubnotices.html

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