



BUCKSKIN MINING COMPANY

BUCKSKIN MINE, PO BOX 3027 ~ GILLETTE, WY 82717

05-31- 2007

Cara Keslar
Air Quality Division
122 West 25th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002

RE: Additional Information to be added to request for use of Natural Events Action Plan (NEAP) for variance on Air Quality Exceedance due to Natural High Wind and Blowing Dust Event on 03-27-2006. Buckskin Mine, Air Quality Permit #1513

Dear Cara,

On March 27, 2007 the Buckskin Mine experienced an exceedance of allowable particulate concentrations on our North and West TEOMs. On March 28th, using the NEAP, Buckskin requested a variance for exceedances experienced that day.

Upon further review of that submittal, it has come to my attention that one important topic (*3.4.2 Category 2: Additional Best Available Control Measures*) was inadvertently skipped. With this letter Buckskin is addressing that topic and would like this information to be added to the request for variance.

If I can answer any questions or be of further assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call me at (307) 686-5439.

Sincerely,

Laura Ackermann
Permit Coordinator

Laura.Ackermann@kiewit.com

Phone: (307) 686-5439

cc: John Faulconer, Buckskin Mine
Aaron Gunderson, Buckskin Mine
Mike Warren, WDEQ Sheridan District Office
Judy Shamley, WDEQ Sheridan District Office

Additional Best Available Control Measures

1. Areas where topsoil has been replaced are ripped and seeded as soon as practicable following topsoil replacement.
During the operation of topsoil stripping, the active operation is frequently watered to reduce dust emissions.
2. At the time of this event, topsoil stripping operations were not complete in the active area, so the area was frequently watered, but longer term stabilization of the area had not yet been completed.
3. Buckskin has no final graded backfill areas greater than 300 contiguous acres.
4. Long-term, out-of-pit overburden and topsoil stockpiles are seeded.
5. Pads in front of truck dumps are cleaned, treated and maintained to prevent material that accumulates on the pads due to spillage from becoming pulverized and a potential source of fugitive dust.
6. When possible, Buckskin schedules topsoil removal, grading of backfill, and topsoil replacement concurrently to minimize open areas when possible.
7. Topsoil contractors are required to apply water and/or chemical dust suppressants in their haulage area.