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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)

Proposed Decision to Approve Coal Mining and Reclamation Plan with Stipulations -- Energy Fuels No. 2 Federal Coal Lease C-20900

ACTION: Proposed Decision to Approve Coal Mining and Reclamation Plan with Stipulation -- Energy No. 2 Mine, Federal Coal Lease C-20900.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 211.5 of Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Surface Mining has performed a technical review of a mining and reclamation plan submitted by Energy Fuels Corp. (Box G, Steamboat Springs, Colo. 80477) to mine up to 40 acres by surface methods and to otherwise disturb up to 300 acres on a lease area of about 420 acres. The lease tract is located at the site of the existing Energy No. 2 Mine in Routt County, Colo. (T5N, R86W, section 19, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4, Lots 6 and 7, and T5N, R87W, section 25, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4). It is estimated that the coal will be mined from the C-20900 lease area in less than 2.5 years.

Energy Fuels submitted on October 31, 1978 additional information which essentially satisfied the State of Colorado, Mined Land Reclamation Division and the Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining requirements for complete information for the C-20900 lease area. Two additional items were submitted on November 2, 1978 for review and approval by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Division and the Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining. These data are laboratory analyses of soils and overburden cores for the C-20900 lease areas. The mining and reclamation plan will not be approved unless these data are adequate and require no changes in the plan. It is the Department's tentative finding that since surrounding overburden materials have limited toxic materials, that the new data for the C-20900 mine area do not indicate unusual problems. It is also the Department's tentative finding that the site-specific soils data confirm that adequate soils exist in the area to facilitate reclamation and that they will be properly removed, the A and B horizons segregated, and reapplied.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Regional Director, Region V, Office of Surface Mining, has recommended, based on staff and other reviews: Including those of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Division, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Geological Survey; approval with stipulations. Any person having an interest which is or may be adversely affected, may, in writing, request a public meeting to discuss their views regarding this mining and reclamation plan.

DATES: All requests for public meetings must be made within 20 days from the date of publication of this notice. No decision on the mine plan will be made by the Assistant Secretary, Energy and Minerals, prior to the expiration of the 20-day period or prior to the approval of the spoils and overburden data and development of any appropriate stipulations on the operations necessary if the analysis are considered to require additional stipulations.

ADDRESSES: The stipulations are available for review in the Region V Office of Surface Mining upon request. Requests for public meetings must include the name and address of the requestor and must be submitted to the Regional Director, Region V, Office of Surface Mining, Room 217, 1823 Stout Street, Denver, Colo. 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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