

**FEDERAL REGISTER: 44 FR 10792 (February 23, 1979)**

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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

Atlantic Richfield Co. -- Coal Creek Mine Availability of Proposed Decision To Approve, With Stipulations, Coal Mining and Reclamation Plan [Federal Coal Lease No. W3446]

ACTION: Availability of Proposed Decision To Approve, with Stipulations, a Coal Mining and Reclamation Plan.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 211.5 of Title 30, Code of Federal Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement has performed a technical review of a mining and reclamation plan and has recommended approval of the proposed plan contingent on the applicant's acceptance of certain stipulations. The plan is described below.

LOCATION OF LANDS TO BE AFFECTED BY PLANNED OPERATIONS

Applicant: Atlantic Richfield Co., Mine Name: Coal Creek. , State: Wyoming., County: Campbell.

Township, Range and Sections: T.46N, R.70W; 4, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34. T.46N, R.71W; 13, 24. T.45N, R.70W, 3, 4, 5.

Office of Surface Mining Reference Number: WY-0003.

The mine is located approximately 25 miles south of Gillette, Wyoming, within 9,545 acres of permit area of which about 8,310 acres are proposed to be disturbed. The plan proposes an annual production rate of ten million tons per year. Mining will be a truck and shovel type operation. Coal will be shipped by rail. This coal mine would be one of a number of surface mining operations conducted in the Gillette area of northeastern Wyoming.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Regional Director, Region V, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, has recommended, based on staff reviews and the reviews of the Wyoming Department of Environment Quality, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Geological Survey, approval of the coal mining and reclamation plan, subject to stipulations which must be accepted by the applicant in order for the approval to take effect. Any persons having an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the recommended approval may, in writing, request a public meeting to discuss their views regarding the plan.

The Coal Creek Mine was the subject of a site-specific analysis of impacts, mitigating measures, and alternatives in an environmental impact statement, titled "Proposed Mining and Reclamation Plan, Coal Creek Mine, Campbell County, Wyoming." The Final Environmental Statement was filed with the EPA on January 18, 1979 (FES 79-1). The availability of the mining and reclamation plan for Coal Creek was announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER On January 19, 1979 (44 FR 4020).

DATES: All requests for a public meeting must be made on or before March 15, 1979. No decision on the plan will be made by the Assistant Secretary, Energy and Minerals, prior to the expiration of the 20-day period.

ADDRESSES: The mining and reclamation plan, the OSM staff analysis, and proposed stipulations are available for review in the Region V Office of OSM. Requests for a public meeting must be submitted, in writing, to the Regional Director, Region V, Office of Surface Mining, Room 217, 1823 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202. Requests must include the name and address of the requestor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

John Hardaway or Shirley Lindsay, Office of Surface Mining, Region V, Room 207, 1823 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202.

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