

access to the mine will be secured to prohibit unauthorized persons from entering the site.

Unforeseeable events such as strikes, fuel shortages, major equipment failures and others could possibly cause all or part of the mining and reclamation operations to cease temporarily. It is unlikely that cessation of operations as a result of these types of events would be excessive but it could be of indeterminate length. However, once it is determined that a temporary shutdown has or will occur and that it will exceed thirty days, Trapper Mining Inc. will begin compiling the information that will be included in the notice of temporary cessation of operations. Within thirty days thereof, the completed notice of temporary cessation of operations will be submitted.

Thirty days are needed to insure that there is enough time to gather, compile and transmit the required information since extensive surveying must be conducted. The 30-day period will allow enough time for the information to be gathered, compiled and submitted to the regulatory authority in a complete and accurate form.

3.1.7 Permanent Cessation of Operations

Permanent cessation of operations will likely occur when the existing fuel agreement between Trapper Mining Inc. and our utility company owners is completed at the end of 2028. If for some unforeseen reason, permanent cessation of operations should become imminent, Trapper Mining Inc. will inform the appropriate regulatory authorities.

Notice of permanent cessation of operations will include:

- The number of acres affected during the mining and reclamation operations.
- The extent and type of reclamation accomplished.
- Identification of those structures that will be removed and those that will be retained.

Prior to permanent cessation of operations, all structures no longer required such as dams, diversions, powerlines, roads and buildings will be removed and those areas permanently reclaimed. All salvageable road base and surface materials, concrete and asphalt will be disposed of by burial in one of the final pits. All salvageable machinery and equipment will be removed from the mine area. Any unsalvageable machinery and equipment will be buried in one of the final pits.

Drill holes will be reclaimed in an appropriate manner (refer to Section 3.3). Excavations, trenches and ditches will be removed by backfilling or grading or both. Heavily compacted areas will be scarified or disced. Final pits will be filled in and the highwalls eliminated by using the spoil in the last few cuts for backfilling the final cut. Usually this would involve the last four cuts.

All affected areas will be backfilled, graded, retopsoiled and revegetated. The result will be the permanent reclamation of all affected areas. The specific type of permanent reclamation for a particular area will be dependent upon the anticipated post mining land use for the particular area (refer to Section 4.2).

Because it is extremely unlikely that permanent cessation of operations will occur during the term of this permit, the closure plans discussed are general. The permit for the term that will include the year 2028 (the year it is expected that permanent cessation of operations will occur) will include a specific and detailed closure plan.

3.1.8 Surface Mining Near Underground Mining

During the time period 1988 to 1991, Trapper Mining Inc. conducted mining activities within 500 horizontal feet of the underground mine workings of Eagle No. 5 Mine, controlled by Empire Energy Corporation. These underground workings, shown on Map M-8, C Pit Blasting Plan, are mostly abandoned room and pillar mining areas for which an estimated 85% extraction was accomplished.

During the remainder of Trapper Mine's operation, no surface mining operations will be affecting the underground activities.