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**Re: Carbon Junction Mine, Permit No. C-1992-080
Permit Renewal No. 4 (RN-04)
Well Information**

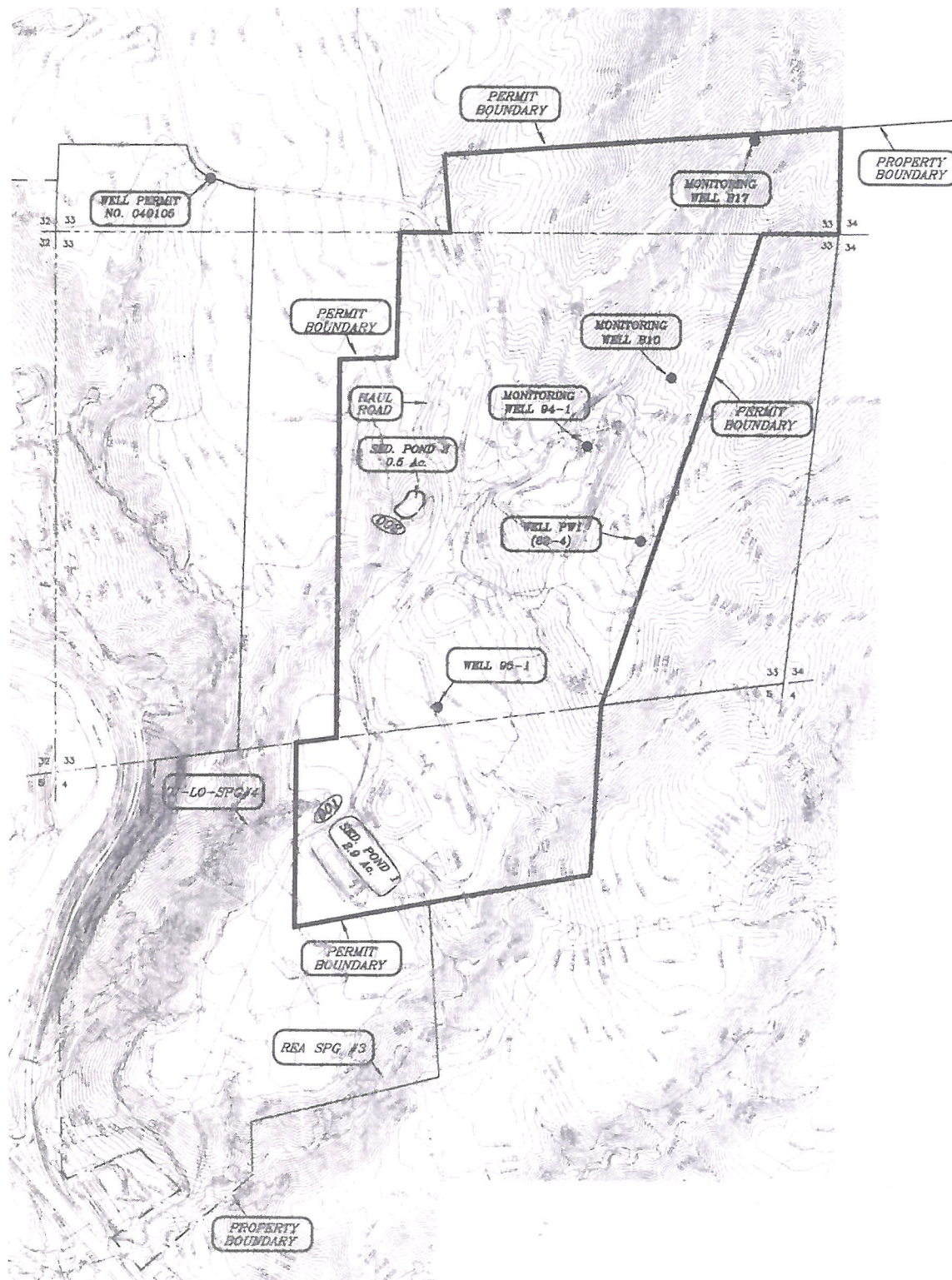
Dear Mr. Foy:

On February 8, 2013, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) issued the State Engineer's Office notice that an application for renewal of the Carbon Junction Mine permit, submitted by Oakridge Energy, Inc., had been considered complete for purposes of filing. As a result of that notice, you requested information related to any wells that may be present at the site.

Two separate mining and reclamation permits have been issued for the Carbon Junction Mine, which is located on Ewing Mesa, two miles southeast of Durango. The first permit was issued to Pueblo Coal, Inc. in 1983 (Permit No. C-1982-054), and coal mining operations were active at the site only during the mid-1980's. That permit was terminated in 1993, and replaced with Permit No. C-1992-080, issued to Oakridge Energy, Inc.

Backfilling, grading, topsoiling and seeding of the disturbed areas was conducted in 2003, 2006 and 2009. No additional mining-related disturbance is proposed, and the permittee is currently awaiting successful establishment of revegetation and implementation of the post-mining land use prior to the Division's granting final bond release for the site.

The Division conducted a search in the DWR website for wells permitted to either Pueblo Coal or Oakridge Energy, and found a total of eleven files. Due to permit expirations and the conversion or replacement of certain wells with monitoring wells, it appears that these entries reflect the drilling of just five separate wells: Wells PW1 (82-4) and 95-1, and Monitoring Wells B10; B17; and 94-1. The relative locations of these wells are shown on the following map.



Map showing locations of various wells at Carbon Junction Mine

A tabulation of the receipt and permit numbers obtained from the Water Resources website is provided here, for your reference.

Carbon Junction Mine - Wells and DWR Permits

<i>Map Name</i>	<i>Receipt</i>	<i>Permit No.</i>	<i>Permit Suffix</i>	<i>Permit Replaced</i>
Well PW1 (82-4)	215891	25629	F	
	8929 (38805?)	26846	F	25629-F
	269995	31082	F	26846-F
	413400	202084		31082-F
B10	367165	43613	F	
B17	411889B	201565		
94-1	411889C	201566		
	367164	43612	F	
Well 95-1	372960	43979	F	
	25308	25308	MH	
	411889A	201564		

I would like to request that any comments be provided to our office by Friday, April 12, 2013.

Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding the Carbon Junction Mine.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sandra Brown, DRMS