

Utah Department of Natural Resources

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining



Proposed Kinney No. 2 Coal Mine Fact Sheet

Location

The proposed Kinney No. 2 Mine is one-half mile north of Scofield, Utah and east of Utah State Highway 96. Surface facilities will be located at the coal outcrop and adjacent to the highway. The total mine permit area covers approximately 452 acres; however, only 27.6 acres will comprise surface disturbance.

Mine Operations

- The underground mining operations are planned to recover coal reserves in the Hiawatha Coal Seam.
- The proposed mining plan is designed to avoid historic mine workings.
- Mining methods will involve room and pillar development utilizing continuous mining techniques. There will be no surface impacts beyond the 27.6-acre disturbed area.
- The mine is designed for a nominal annual production rate of 800,000 tons of coal, based on an operating schedule of 250 days per year, two shifts per day, eight-hour shifts, and a base production of 500 tons per hour.
- The projected lifespan of the Kinney No. 2 Mine is approximately three years. However, there is potential to significantly extend the mine's life by permitting other coal and acquiring additional coal reserves located south and east of the planned operation.
- The proposed surface facilities include offices, a bathhouse, a coal storage pile, coal handling facilities, truck loadout, substation, sediment control pond, and a portal pad with a mine fan.

Additional Permitting Requirements

Before the division grants final approval of the permit, the applicant must secure the following:

- Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) Permit (Division of Water Quality)
- Conditional Use Permit (Carbon County)
- Highway Access Permit (UDOT)
- Air Quality NOI (Division of Air Quality)
- Building Permit (Town of Scofield)

Division Responsibilities and Next Steps

- The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (OGM) is holding a public meeting on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Southeastern Regional Development Agency Building, 252 South Fairgrounds Road in Price, Utah, to address resident and landowner concerns regarding Coal Energy Group 3, LLC., underground coal mine permit application.
- OGM staff issued a notice of the public meeting on the division website and sent invites to residents and landowners via email.
- OGM Director Mick Thomas and staff will oversee the meeting, and based on division rules and regulations, the division will consider all comments in their initial review of the application.

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- Once all regulatory requirements have been met, a five-year permit is issued, which can be renewed by the applicant every five years.
- Once a permit is issued, construction may begin. Division staff will conduct inspections monthly throughout the mine operation to ensure compliance with the permit.
- The division will hold a reclamation bond posted by the operator, ensuring that land disturbed by mining will be restored to its original state or a condition agreed upon by the operator and the state.
- Site inspections will occur during mining operations to ensure mining within permit boundaries and adherence to mine plans/regulations.
- The division's role is to ensure that coal mining and reclamation operations in Utah are consistent with the Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979 (Utah Code Annotated 40-10), the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, and Utah R645 Coal Mining Rules to implement the Act.

FAQs

Who oversees air quality and dust issues coming from a mine site?

The Division of Air Quality oversees the regulation and monitoring of dust. Air quality permits are required for operators.

Who do I contact with concerns over traffic from development/mining operations?

Mining truck traffic concerns: [Contact Carbon County](#) or [UDOT](#).

Who oversees water quality and the potential impacts on Scofield Reservoir?

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining holds partial responsibility for ensuring that the mine does not discharge pollutants. However, the [Division of Water Quality](#) monitors regular discharges into streams and lakes. If the operator plans to discharge any water offsite, they must obtain a Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) permit.

How are wildlife concerns identified and addressed?

Biologists from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service work with the operator to assess species and habitats of concern and create a plan that protects them during the operation and reclamation phases of the mine.

Where can I find the rules and regulations the operator will follow?

State rules are available at <https://ogm.utah.gov/coal-program/>.

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