

Section 17.24.633

WATER QUALITY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

(1) Using BTCA to Treat Drainage Before Leaving the Permit Area

All drainage originating in or running through the disturbed area is collected and settled in sediment traps and ponds. (See Section 17.24.631(3)(a) for additional detail.)

(2) Duration of Sediment Control Practices

Sediment ponds and other sediment control practices will be maintained until the disturbed area has been restored and revegetation requirements committed to in Sections 17.24.711, 17.24.713, 17.24.714, 17.24.716 through 17.24.718, 17.24.721, 17.24.723 through 17.24.726, and 17.24.731 have been met.

(3) Construction of Sediment Ponds Prior to Any Mining Operations in the Affected Drainage Area

Sediment control ponds and/or traps will be constructed prior to any mining operations in this affected area. Refer to Appendix K, "Drainage Control Plan: Ponds, Impoundments, Diversions," for details of the sediment control plan.

(4)(a) Mixing of Disturbed Area Drainage With Water From Undisturbed Areas - Compliance With MPDES Discharge Limitations

All discharges from sediment control facilities will comply with applicable sediment control limits consistent with the MPDES permit.

(4)(b) Compliance with Point Discharge Limitations

All discharges from point source sediment control facilities will comply with applicable sediment point source control limits consistent with MPDES permit.

(5)(a) Exemption From Effluent Limitations for Certain Precipitation Events

There have been no unplanned discharges from the sediment control ponds except as a result of storms in excess of 10-year, 24-hour events. Should other discharges occur, they will be in compliance with effluent limitations outlined in this rule and those in the company's MPDES permit unless the discharge results from an event in excess of a 10-year, 24-hour storm (Note: This exception does not extend to pH). Additional treatment of water prior to discharge is not expected to be necessary.

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(5)(b) Exemption From Effluent Limitations for Discharges From BTCA Practices in Compliance With Section 17.24.633 and Section 17.24.639

SCCC will use alternate sediment control measures such as silt fence straw bales and rock check dams. The SCCC will also use sediment ponds and traps for controlling disturbed runoff. These BTCA practices will be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with Section 17.24.633 and Section 17.24.639.