

#### State of Utah

## Department of Natural Resources

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## Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Permitee:

Operator:

Site: SPECIAL PROJECT

Representatives Present During the Inspection:

OGM Priscilla Burton Environmental Scientist III

Steve Demczak Environmental Scientist III

Address: ,

County: OTHER

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.

Governor

GARY R. HERBERT

Lieutenant Governor

Permit Type: Permit Status:

#### Current Acreages

<b>Total Permitted</b>
<b>Total Disturbed</b>
Phase I
Phase II
Phase III

### **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:	C9999999
Inspection Type:	COURTESY
Inspection Date:	Wednesday, June 15, 2005
Start Date/Time:	6/15/2005 3:30:00 PM
End Date/Time:	6/15/2005 4:30:00 PM
Last Inspection:	

Inspector: Priscilla Burton, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: overcast, windy 79 F
InspectionID Report Number: 639

Accepted by: whedberg 7/7/2005

Mineral Ownership	Types of Operations
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Federal	Underground
State	Surface
County	Loadout
Fee	Processing
Other	Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

This site visit was conducted as a follow-up to the Division letter dated September 13, 2004 from Mary Ann Wright to Mr. Layne Ashton, Covol Engineered Fuels. The letter indicated that a Division inspection would be conducted prior to making a final determination concerning the appropriateness of SMCRA regulation of the site.

Date	Friday, June 17, 2005
	Date

Priscilla Burton, Environmental Scientist III

Inspector ID Number: 37

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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#### REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable. b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
   Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
2.	Signs and Markers				
3.	Topsoil				
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions				
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments				
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures				
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring				
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations				
5.	Explosives				
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches				
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
8.	Noncoal Waste				
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage				
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading				
13.	Revegetation				
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations				
16.8	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.	o Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations				
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit	<b>~</b>		✓	
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other	✓		<b>✓</b>	

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#### 1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The office trailer on site identified the business as Terra Systems. Personnel on site were Jay Martin and Clayton Timothy, employees of Headwater Energy Services/Covol Engineered Fuels, LC. Steve Demczak and I represented the Division.

In April 2005, Terra Systems stockpiled coal on a previously undeveloped site, located at 1865 South Ridge Road, within Wellington City limits. This area is zoned for industrial development. The site is adjacent to Miller Creek, a tributary of the Price River. (Antelope were noticed on site.)

A license for the trailer/office was obtained from Wellington City two years ago, but a construction license has not yet been issued for the remainder of the site. Topsoil was removed from beneath the coal stockpile and is being utilized to form a berm around a catch basin. Site promoters intend to obtain an MSHA permit for the existing stockpile.

The decision to permit the site should take these facts into consideration:

- 1. The site will process mine waste from permitted sites and may return waste from the process to the permitted mine disposal site.
- 2. The site will process coal from permitted sites returning the coal to the permitted site for blending.
- 3. Stockpiling and processing coal from several permitted coal mine sites occurred at Savage Coal Co., a site on Ridge Road that is regulated under SMCRA, by the Division. Although the processing facilities at Savage have been dismantled and currently the site is used for stockpiling and blending custom coal mixtures for various mine sites, the site is still under a SMCRA permit. Customers have included: White Oak, West Ridge, PacificCorp, Dugout, Emery, Genwal, and SUFCO.
- 4. Stockpiling and crushing coal from various coal mine sites occurs at Wildcat Loadout, a site on Gordon Creek Road that is regulated under SMCRA, by the Division. Although the site originally was associated only with Centennial Mine, current customers include: Horizon, Skyline, White Oak, and Centennial.
- 5. An unpermitted site along Ridge Road is the RailCo site is owned by Co-Op Mining Co. At this site coal is unloaded from trucks and loaded onto railroad cars. No processing occurs.

The percentage ownership of Covol, Headwaters, and Terra Systems in the venture should be obtained by the Division.

The Pacificorp tolling-fee contract information needs to be acquired and reviewed. Mr. Keith Thompson of Headwater Energy Services indicated that the tolling-fee information would be forthcoming (phone conversation on June 10, 2005).

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#### 7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

Currently 27,080 Tons of coal are stockpiled on site. The coal is from Pacificorp. This stockpile is 30' high and is being stored until permits are acquired from DEQ, Air Quality, to allow processing of the coal. Although the current coal stockpile is from a single source, during a phone call on Friday, June 10, 2005, Mr. Keith Thompson of Headwaters indicated that a second contract is currently being negotiated. He further indicated that information on the Pacificorp's "tolling fee" would be forthcoming.

The stockpiled coal will be processed to improve the Btu value. Processing will include grinding, sizing, and differential settling based on density. The end product will be returned to PacificCorp. The Air Quality Order (DAQE-IN2952003-05) allows expansion of the site to 20 acres with a 1.5 MT annual throughput.

The following information is a summary of our discussion with Jay Martin during the site visit.

- •Terra Systems has purchased the conveyors and hoppers etc from the Banning site.
- •The stockpile will reach 50 ' high during operations and cover 2 acres.
- •The processing will entail grinding, sorting, sizing, and differential settling based on density.
- •The process increases the Btu value of the coal by removing moisture and eliminating sources of ash and in so doing removes sulfates and mercury from the end product. For instance, the process can reduce ash from 30% to 8%.
- Waste from the process will be high in ash, mercury, and sulfate.
- •The waste remaining from the existing stockpile will be either sold as road base or fill or returned to the PacifiCorp waste stockpile.
- •The processed coal will be returned to PacifiCorp for blending.
- An agreement with Arch Coal is anticipated that would allow for the waste coal currently stored at the Dugout Waste Rock site to be processed by Terra Systems. Mr. Martin indicated that the agreement was not yet firm. The final disposition of waste fromTerra Systems processing of Dugout mine waste was not discussed. The product (the processed waste) would be returned to Dugout for blending purposes. Terra Systems will handle each mine's coal separately, calibrating the process to the
- Terra Systems will handle each mine's coal separately, calibrating the process to the coal from each site.

#### 20. Air Quality Permit

Plans currently being reviewed by DEQ are for a 20-acre disturbance with 1.5 MT throughput. The DEQ, Intent to Approve document (DAQE-IN2952003-05) is nearing the end of the 30-day public comment period.

#### 22. Other

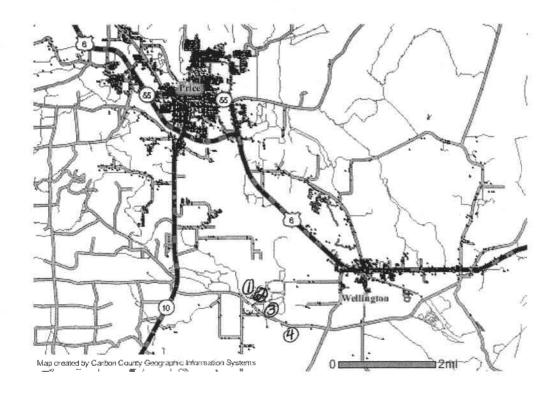
The Terra Systems site is separate and distinct from the former Covol syn-fuels site adjacent to RailCo. At this unpermitted site, the coal was treated with a lacquer to create a higher Btu product. Covol has since sold this site to Detroit Edison (DTE). Under current ownership it is generally thought that the coal is being crushed but not treated with the lacquer.











- 1) = Detroit Edison (formerly Covol Synfuels)
- 2 = CO-OP RailCo.
- (2) = LU-OF RAILO.
  (3) = Savage (formerly CN.Spur)
  (4) = Terra Systems (Covol / Headwaters) 5 miles southeast of Price. 4 miles

  South on Hwy 10. East on Ridge Rd. 2:75 miles. Terra Systems (Covol/Head.)

  15 south of ridge road at UTM coordinates North 4374758 East 520098

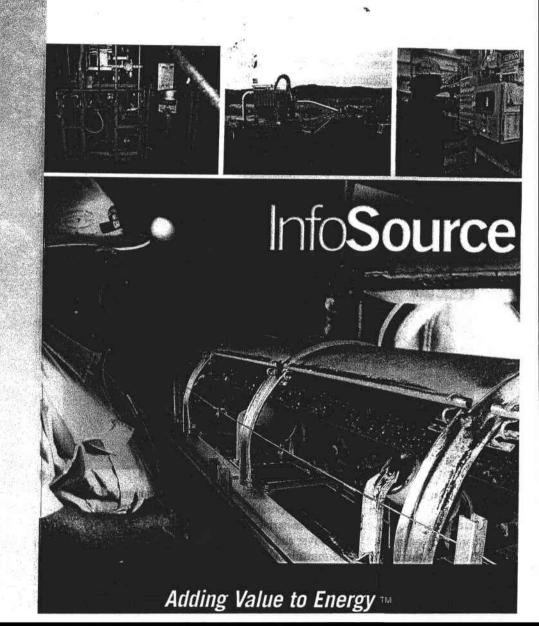


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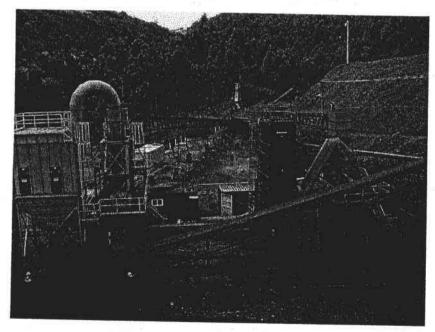
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Headwaters Incorporated provides technologies and services that maximize the value of fossil fuels while creating new and sustainable energy technologies for the future.

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