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June 26, 1978

Memo to File:

Re: Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.
Belina #1 Mine
Carbon County, Utah
ACT/007/001

Mike Thompson and Jim Smith from the Division and Trevor Whiteside, Mine Engineer, and Steve Tanner, Construction Engineer for Valley Camp of Utah inspected this underground coal mine on June 21, 1978 to discuss their operation in relationship to Public Law 95-87.

This operation was given final State approval on October 8, 1976 and posted a reclamation surety with the State of Utah for the amount of \$16,000 on September 28, 1976. The operation was also approved by the U.S. Geological Survey.

The mine is located in Eccles Canyon southwest of Valley Camp's Utah #2 Mine. The surface facilities, including the access road and powerline, are on private property with the coal being Federal. The area has an alpine environment and lies at an elevation just over 9,000 feet. The access/haul road has an average grade of approximately 8½%. A few slumps exist along the road and are in the process of being corrected by cutting back the slope. The material removed is being used as fill for the surface facilities area, of which there are two (2), an upper and lower.

There was quite a bit of seepage from the slope above the portal area with an extensive slump due to the heavy winter snow accumulation and resulting runoff. Some snow drifts were still present in the area.

There is some mine drainage being discharged into a retaining pond. A proposed sedimentation pond site is located a short distance down the canyon from the surface facility area. Also, a conveyor system may be installed to transport coal to the crusher at the Utah #2 Mine facility instead of hauling the coal by truck.

The cut slopes have been seeded and seem to be doing well for the most part.

JWS
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