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Mr. Ron Daniels
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Div. of Oil and Gas
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1588 N. West Temple
Salt Lake City, Ut. 84116

Dear Ron:

Enclosed please find copies of on-site inspection reports. The inspections were conducted within the State of Utah during the period of April 16 and April 19

If you have any questions or problems, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Murray T. Smith
Federal Lands Coordinator

REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION

VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH, INC.
BELINA #1
P.O. BOX 507
CLEAR CREEK UTAH 84517

DATE: April 16, 1979 and April 19, 1979
TIME: 4:30 - 7:30 P.M. April 16, 1979
9:30 - 11:30A.M. April 19, 1979
WEATHER: Cold and Snowing, Snow Cover on Ground
COUNTY AND STATE: Carbon County, Utah
STATE FILE NUMBER: ACT-007-001
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Trevor Whiteside, Bill Boulter
STATE OFFICIALS: Mary Ann Wright, Tom Suchoski, Mike Thompson, Jim Smith
OSM OFFICIALS: Tom Ehmett, Ray Lewis, Gary Fritz

GENERAL COMMENTS

This company has two mines located a few miles S-SW of Scofield, Utah. ^{Utah} ~~Belina~~
^{#2} ~~#1~~ is no longer an active mine, but the crusher and tippel is being used for the coal produced from the #1 mine. The #1 mine is located in a canyon cut by a tributary of Eccles Creek, about 6,000 feet south of the main canyon. There are two coal seams. The upper O'Connor coal seam has been mined extensively, but the lower O'Connor is being developed on a lower pad immediately below the active portals. Production is 200,000 to 250,000 tons per year from the 18 foot federal reserves. Time, weather and snow on the ground limited the mine inspection to a cursory overview that has left many questions unanswered.

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERIM REGULATIONS

717.11 GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

The mining and reclamation plan was approved by the State Regulatory Authority on May 11, 1979. Belina #1 is a federally approved mine.

717.12 SIGNS AND MARKERS

The mine and permit identification sign was observed at the access point to the tippel area and #1 mine and was acceptable.

717.14 & 717.15 BACKFILLING AND GRADING/DISPOSAL OF EXCESS WASTE

Belina #1 is a problem area. The slope above the active pad needs to be Regraded and planted. The lower pad that was being developed was partially covered by a landslide from the outslope of the upper facility. Snow melt from the non-diverted slope above the active portal and the portal bench was running through the unstable slide area because it was not diverted into the sediment pond.

The overburden from the pads was pushed in the drainage as fill material. The intermittent stream flowing through the area was diverted by corrugated pipe below the fill. The fill needed to be graded and planted to reduce erosion.

717.17 PROTECTION OF THE HYDROLOGIC SYSTEM

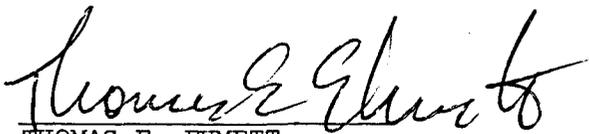
Surface water is being monitored, but the underground water monitoring is limited to samples taken out of the mine.

Diversions must be installed on both pads. The sediment pond on the upper pad was covered with snow so the only evidence of any spillway system was the primary outlet. This outlet was a horizontal corrugated pipe that short-circuited the system, causing it to be totally ineffective. The lower pad needed to be graded so it would drain runoff into a sediment pond.

The stream channel diversion authorization is not clear. The issue needs to be discussed in more detail with the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to clarify what was approved and what reclamation steps will be required for the site when mining is completed. The drainage should be inspected when weather permits.

717.20 TOPSOIL HANDLING AND REVEGETATION

Topsoil stockpiles for resoiling was not evident. Revegetation must be addressed on the slopes above both portals, the stream channel diversion and road berms.



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