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February 21, 1980

Mr. Ron Daniels  
Coordinator of Mined Land Development  
Department of Natural Resources  
1588 N. West Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find copies of on-site inspection reports. The inspections were conducted within Belina #1 and #2 Mines during the period of January 8, 1980.

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

Sincerely,

  
Murray T. Smith  
Federal Lands Coordinator

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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH, INC.  
BELINA #1 AND #2 MINES  
P.O. Box 507  
Clear Creek, Utah 84517

DATE: January 8, 1980  
TIME: 3:45 p.m.  
WEATHER: Overcast and snowing  
COUNTY & STATE: Carbon County, Utah  
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Joe Shoemaker  
STATE OFFICIALS: Joe Helfrich and Doug Stewart  
OSM OFFICIALS: Ron Gregg and Vernon Maldonado  
STATE PERMIT NO: ACT-007-001  
MSHA I.D. NO: Belina #1 Mine 42-01279, #2 Mine 42-01280, and  
Utah #2 Mine 42-01126  
NOV'S ISSUED: None

GENERAL COMMENTS

This was a follow-up inspection of the June 8, 1979 inspection. Belina #1 Mine is active and coal is trucked to the Utah #2 Mine, where only the tipple and loadout facility are active. At Belina, coal will be extracted from the two separate 22 foot thick seams (coal averages approximately 13,000 BTU). Belina #2 Mine is being developed, face up work has commenced and a sedimentation pond is installed. This mine will retrieve coal from the lower seam.

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERIM REGULATIONS

717.11 General Obligations

Approved plans, current permits, licenses, or other authorizations to operate Belina #1 Mine were reviewed in the mine office. Due to our late arrival on the minesite, and the amount of remaining daylight, Belina #2 Mine and the Utah #2 loadout facilities' plans and permits were not inspected.

717.12 Signs and Markers

The required signs and perimeter markers were present at access points and along the circumference respectively. Signs displayed the required information.

717.14 Backfilling and Grading

No new activity was observed.

717.15 Disposal of Excess Rock and Earth Materials

There is no waste rock produced from this underground mine. Violation No. 1 of NOV #79-5-3-40 was terminated as all dumping downslope from roadcut had ceased.

717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System

Construction of the lower sedimentation pond just below the Belina #2 faceup has been completed. A stand pipe has been installed and a spillway seemed adequately riprapped, but heavy snow cover limited our evaluation of the adequacy of the spillway. A culvert was installed underground, running from well above the faceup area to within 100 feet of the other end of the sedimentation pond, where it would discharge. A culvert was placed under the road, where the haulroad made a switch back to get to the Belina #2 faceup area. This culvert drains the ditch along the inside slope of the haulroad. The haulroads were graded such that runoff was diverted to the inslope of roadways. All surface drainage from the #2 faceup activities appeared to be directed into the new sedimentation pond.

The above account necessitated terminations on Violations No. 2 and 3 of NOV #79-5-3-40. Violation No. 2 was terminated as present drainage from disturbed areas is directed into a sedimentation pond. Violation No. 3 was terminated because the access and haul roads had controlled drainage along the inslope of the roadways.

At the loadout facility of the Utah #2 Mine, a culvert was blocked with snow and ice, thereby preventing possible runoff from the disturbed area from entering the sedimentation pond. This initiated issuance of NOV #79-5-18-7 Violation No. 1. Trevor Whiteside, of Valley Camp, notified OSM by telephone on January 15, 1980 that the abatement of this NOV has been completed. A memorandum of this call was placed in the inspection files.

717.20 Topsoil Handling and Revegetation

Due to heavy snow cover, a proper evaluation of revegetation efforts and compliance was impossible.

  
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RON GREGG  
RECLAMATION SPECIALIST