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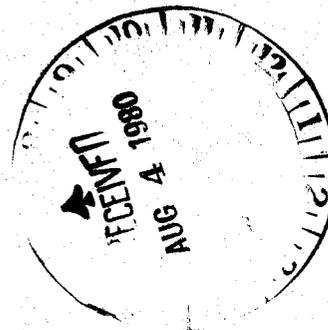


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July 30, 1980

Mr. Ron Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Department of Natural Resources
1538 N. West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116



Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find a copy(s) of on-site inspection report. The inspection was conducted within Belina #1 and #2 Mines during the period of June 23, 1980.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature of Thomas E. Ehmett]

Thomas E. Ehmett
Acting Assistant Regional Director
Division of Inspection & Enforcement

REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH, INCORPORATED
BELINA #1 and #2 MINES
P.O. Box 507
Clear Creek, Utah 84517
(801) 448-9413

DATE: June 23, 1980
TIME: 12:40 p.m.
WEATHER: Sunny, clear, and warm
COUNTY AND STATE: Carbon, Utah
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Trevor Whiteside, Bill Haynes and Ed Foust
STATE OFFICIALS: Joe Helfrich, Mary Kay Stein
OSM OFFICIAL: Eileen Doherty
STATE PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/001
MSHA NUMBERS: 42-01279 and 42-01280
NOV NUMBER: 80-5-7-15 issued June 30, 1980

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERIM REGULATIONS

717.11 General Obligations

Permits, mine plans, and authorizations to operate were reviewed at the mine office. NPDES permit #0022985 expires June 30, 1982. In January 1980, the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOG M) and the Denver OSM gave written approvals for the company's proposed subsidence and hydrologic monitoring plans. These approvals contain additional update stipulations.

In May 1980, the State Health Department and the EPA approved a proposed coal stacker tube and conveyor for the Valley Camp operation.

This mine has private and Federal properties.

717.12 Signs and Markers

The mine identification signs are posted as required.

717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System

The groundwater monitoring proposal which was approved in January 1980 was an interim approval which allows for collection of further baseline data. Many of the core holes drilled for mining purposes will double as wells.

There are surface monitoring points upstream and downstream of the minesite. Mine water discharges are pumped from a sump in the mine. This discharge is permitted by NPDES. Records from all these monitoring points are maintained by Vaughn Hansen Associates, Salt Lake City, Utah. The State requires a quarterly reporting of this data from the operator. During the week following this inspection,

BELINA #1 and #2 MINES

717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System (cont'd)

Joe Helfrich conferred with Jerry Vaughn Hansen to establish the Association's responsibility to supply the DOGM with the quarterly reports. Copies of these reports should also be forwarded to the minesite for inspection purposes.

The loadout area and the inactive Utah #2 Mine bench were inspected. Pleasant Valley Creek, perennial, passes below these areas. A sediment pond is located immediately above the Creek to intercept runoff from disturbed area. Damage to the pond embankment incurred during construction is in need of repair. Erosion has developed beneath a straw bale dike at the southeast end of the pond. This is one of the points where runoff flows into the pond. This undermining of the dike allows unnecessary siltation into the pond, and weakens the embankment. Repairs are needed.

Another pond has been placed south of the coal stockpile site. The upper end of this pond and the lower end of the stockpile site intersect. Design plans for these ponds have not been submitted to DOGM and OSM. When these plans are submitted, specific explanation of the pond-stockpile proximity will be necessary. Coal would be in the pond area only during times of excessive stockpiling, but the ground involved must be delineated as either a pond or a stockpile site. The operator's immediate responsibility is to meet effluent limitations, and to stockpile coal to prevent encroachment upon the 10 year 24-hour event designs.

717.20 Topsoil Handling and Revegetation

The pond embankment tops and outslopes will be seeded this fall.

Violation 1 of NOV 80-5-7-15 was issued for improper topsoil handling at the Belina Mines. An access road for a foundation drill hole was bladed last winter. Also, topsoil removal for the coal handling facilities site construction showed a failure to protect removed topsoil prior to stockpiling. All available topsoil will be needed to reclaim these mines.

SUMMARY

NOV 80-5-7-15 is the outstanding violation at this mine.


EILEEN DOHERTY
RECLAMATION SPECIALIST