

December 12, 1980

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Valley Camp Coal Company
Belina #1 Mine
ACT/007/001
Carbon County, Utah

On December 8, 1980, a trip was made to the Belina #1 Mine by State and Federal regulatory representatives, D. Wayne Hedberg, Marianne Adams and Ron Naten, for the purpose of reviewing the recent construction activities pertaining to the new coal silo pad and sediment pond design modification. Mr. Ed Foust, chief engineer for Valley Camp accompanied the officials on a tour of the minesite.

Upon review of the appropriate design maps and papers at the Clear Creek office, a report was presented by Mr. Foust which had been prepared by Golder Associates in June of 1980, entitled "Surface Area and Slope Stabilization Plan" for the Belina #1 Mine. The report concerned silo pad stability, drainage and sediment pond design.

No record of this report has been located to date in the Division's files. A copy of this report was requested to be sent to the Division by Mr. Hedberg.

Upon minesite inspection, it was noted that the main sediment pond lacked the appropriate inlet structure(s) due to the recent regrading and berming activities associated with the recent construction activities. Mr. Foust committed to remedying the situation promptly. No environmental or erosional damage was evident at this time, as the ground was frozen and covered with @ 1.5 ft of snow.

The toe of the fill from the new silo pad had been extended and compacted out over the rock filter (French-drain) system surrounding the bypass culvert next to the sediment pond, to control historic leakage problems. It was also noted that the majority of all the out slopes of the disturbed areas had been revegetated this fall (hydroseeding and seedling transplants).

The upper mine water discharge-filtering ponds were also inspected. It was noted that in addition to the normal filtered discharge exiting these ponds, the overflow discharge structure was also active. Mr. Foust admitted that this was a past and present personnel-management problem which would be corrected that evening.

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A brief tour of the new sewage and waste treatment facility was initiated by Mr. Foust prior to leaving the site. Several pictures were taken on site of the affected areas.

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Statistics:

See Skyline memo dated December 12, 1980.
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