

January 23, 1981

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Utah #2 Mine
Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.
ACT/007/014
Carbon County, Utah

Date: December 12, 1980
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Weather: Sunny, warm, clear
Company Official: Trevor Whiteside
State Officials: Joe Helfrich, Sandy Pruitt, Tom Portle
OSM Official: Gary Fritz

This was a complete inspection to satisfy the OSM semiannual and State quarterly requirements. No State or Federal violations were issued.

717.11 General Obligations

Maps, plans and authorization letters were available at the Company office. Water monitoring data was available upon request.

717.12 Signs and Markers

The identification is posted as required at the Utah 2 loadout facility. This sign contained all required information.

717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System

The middle sediment pond has been attended to as needed to prevent slope failure and accelerated erosion. The phone pole has been relocated and inlet structures and culverts are in place. (See October 17, 1980, registered letter for details.)

Some general maintenance of culverts is required in the following locations:

1. Culvert south of tipple.
2. Debris in culvert under conveyor which empties into the south sediment pond.
3. Crushed culvert along slope into south sediment pond.

NPDES permit number UT-0022985 was available for inspection. This permit expires on June 30, 1982.

Valley Camp has requested that TSS standards be modified so they would be returned to the level acceptable before July 1, 1980 (30 mg/l) rather than the current 20 mg/l. This matter has been brought to public hearing and is pending.

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717.15 Disposal of Excess Rock and Earth Materials

Since the coal is not processed except to crush it, there is no waste to dispose of.

717.20 Topsoil Handling and Revegetation

1. Topsoil has been redistributed around embankments of the sediment ponds. These areas have been reseeded.

Areas which were hydroseeded in fall of 1980 include:

1. Banks of north sediment pond.
2. Area above old fan portal.
3. Area southeast of pond adjacent to culvert.

Other areas which could benefit from reclamation include the highwall on the east boundary of the disturbed area.

General Comments

At the time of the inspection, the previously mentioned culvert problems did not warrant a violation. Mr. Whiteside was informed of this concern and committed to alleviate the problem.

Photos were taken at the time of the inspection.

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RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM

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Statistics:

See Blackhawk memo dated December 30, 1980.
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