

June 29, 1981

Memo to Coal File:

RE: Belina #1 and 2  
Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.  
ACT/007/001  
Carbon County, Utah

On June 1, 1981, Division inspectors Sandy Pruitt and Tom Portle visited the Valley Camp minesite. Accompanying them on the inspection was Trevor Whiteside, senior mining engineer for Valley Camp of Utah, Inc. The purpose of the inspection was to conduct a partial inspection, primarily aimed at uncovering any areas of concern or noncompliance at the Valley Camp minesite prior to the State approving, with stipulations, Valley Camp moving into county coal at the Belina #2 minesite.

During an intensive field tour, two violations were cited. These violations were concerned with topsoil management procedures. They are as follows:

Notice of Violation #81-2-5-2

Violation #1 of 2

Nature of Violation:

Failure to post topsoil markers on topsoil or other vegetation supporting material.

Provision of the Regulations, Act or Permit Violated:

UMC 817.11(g).

Portion of Operation to Which Notice Applies:

Topsoil stockpile.

Remedial Action Required:

Post topsoil marker.

Time for Abatement:

Thirty (30) days, no later than 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, 1981.

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Violation #2 of 2

Nature of Violation:

Failure to protect topsoil from wind and water erosion, unnecessary compaction or contamination which lessen the capability of the material to support vegetation when redistributed.

Provision of Regulations, Act or Permit Violated:

UMC 817.23(b).

Portion of Operation to Which Notice Applies:

Topsoil stockpile.

Remedial Action Required:

Consolidate topsoil, divert runoff away from stockpile, prevent topsoil loss due to water and wind erosion, compaction and contamination.

Time for Abatement:

Thirty (30) days, no later than 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, 1981.

One change in the surface aspect of the operation noticed since the last inspection was a pile of waste rock and coal material which appeared to be underground development waste deposited near the portal of Belina #1 mine opening. The final disposal site for this material should be investigated during the next monthly inspection.

On March 25, 1981 (see May 12, 1981 memo), a problem area on the minesite was discovered and addressed within two days. This area was immediately north of the northern most portal of the Belina #2 mine and it was near where runoff passed under the conveyor. Upon suggestion of inspectors, a culvert was placed in this area to help convey water down the loose slope without causing additional erosion. This culvert was inadequately positioned since water has run along the side of this and does not appear to pass through the culvert itself. The culvert opening should be lowered and the material that is eroded away on the sides of the culvert should be filled and compacted or otherwise addressed prior to the next monthly inspection. Also discussed at this time

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was the location of the diesel tank and any contingencies which might be available should a spill occur from this area. This matter was again discussed and these concerns were expressed with stipulations that were attached to the approval going into the lower coal seam at the Belina #2 Mine. All areas of concern were incorporated into stipulations for the Belina #2 Mine, 6-81-1 through 6-81-10, and these were agreed upon with Mr. W. H. Haynes.

THOMAS L. PORTLE *TLP*  
RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM  
Trevor White, Valley Camp

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Statistics:

Vehicle: #EX 70237--243 miles  
Grant: A & E