

August 21, 1981

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

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

The above-mentioned mine operation was given a partial inspection by Jean Doutre and Sandy Pruitt on August 5, 1981. Inspectors met with Trevor Whiteside in the office and were accompanied by Ed Sanderson, engineer for Valley Camp, on the field tour.

The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with stipulations in the county lease approval dated June 10, 1981. Mr. Whiteside informed inspectors of the following status:

1. An air quality permit had been obtained for the Belina Mines. Inspector Tom Portle had reviewed conditions in the permit during the last inspection.
2. A spill prevention control and counter measure plan (SPCC) had been submitted to the Division on July 6, 1981.
3. Compilation of sediment pond design plans was underway and should be received at the DOGM office no later than August 30, 1981.
4. Mr. Whiteside contests this requirement maintaining that interim approval had been granted for all drainage design systems and, only if inspectors could determine the problem with culverts that did not comply, would he submit plans for reconstruction. He did not intend to offer information on pre-existing, out of compliance culverts.
5. Material generated by snow removal and in grading the tipple pad has been permanently disposed of on the sediment pond embankment. The material was dried and then compacted. Plans designating the dipsoal site for material generated in future snow removal should be submitted by September 30, 1981.
6. A NPDES permit for the sediment pond was applied for on June 19, 1981.
7. Plans for modification of the mine water filter pond were received at the Division on July 29, 1981.
8. Inlet culverts to the sediment pond were in place on new fill material on the embankments and flexible down spouts have been implemented at the discharge point.

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9. NOV #81-3-11-2 was issued on July 9, 1981, for failure to meet the June 30, 1981, deadline. Since then, an unsuccessful attempt had been made to repair the leak in the discharge pipe. The new deadline set by NOV is August 15, 1981.
10. No work had been done on the culvert adjacent to the conveyor belts on the Belina #1 pad. NOV #81-2-10-1 was issued from the office following the inspection. A deadline of August 21, 1981, was set as a reasonable extension on the stipulated deadline as Valley Camp has exhibited negligence in failing to address the problem after the first request in March 1981, and several requests during the subsequent five months.

Areas of concern noted during the inspection were documented and a registered letter to Trevor Whiteside dated August 10, 1981, in particular:

1. A berm along the road from the coal stockpile above the overland conveyance to Whiskey Creek was damaged during repair work on the bypass culvert inlet. Excavated material had been stockpiled right next to the inlet and should be removed or graded and stabilized for revegetation by August 21, 1981.
2. Underground development waste is being stored on the Belina #1 pad. The mine plan specifies that development waste will be used as fill material. Valley Camp should designate an area for waste disposal and submit plans on the development and reclamation of the site by September 6, 1981.

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RECLAMATION OFFICER

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Statistics:

See Utah #2 memo dated August 5, 1981.

Grant: A & E