

MEMO TO COAL FILE:

November 5, 1981

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

A partial inspection was conducted at the Utah #2 minesite and the loadout by Jean Doutre, reclamation officer of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, accompanied by Ed Foust of Valley Camp.

New mine identification signs were posted at the entrance to the loadout area, and they were easily visible and complete in detail. Perimeter markers about two feet high are in place around the disturbed area. There is no topsoil stockpiled.

The runoff from the disturbed area is treated in the three sediment ponds. Strawdikes are in place to control erosion during high rainfall. An NPDES permit has been issued by EPA but no discharges from the ponds have been made.

Vaugh Hansen Engineering Co. is doing water monitoring under contract.

An old roadway around the top area of the minesite has been bermed to form a diversion of the runoff from the undisturbed hill area above the mine, away from the disturbed area into natural drainage.

The Utah #2 mine finished operations in August 1978, and pillars were pulled when they retreated from the face. No explosives have been used since that date. There has been no underground development waste or coal refuse and the loadout did not process coal. The loadout has continued to operate for loading coal onto the Denver & Rio Grande railroad being hauled in from Beinales #1 and #2 mines.

Non-coal waste is hauled by dumpster, and when it is filled, it is hauled to a sanitary landfill at PPI.

The mine exhaust fan has continued in operation, and the portals have remained open for access to maintenance crews. They employ about six or seven men on the day crew and four or five on the night crews, making a work force of 12 men.

Valley Camp contends that there has been no cessation of operations and this is under consideration by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining since no coal is being mined.

No contemporaneous reclamation is being done, as a new coal lease has been obtained for about nine square miles of coal. New mining operations should commence early in 1982, using the same operational portal areas.

Subsidence monitoring is being done by the forest service, by flights over the mined area taking photographs using infra-red film for photogrammetry techniques to determine any subsidence over the mined-out area.

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Some revegetation was completed in 1980, with good success, but none was done this past season.

The road to the loadout is a hard surfaced class I haul road. Other roads around the mine are class II to the portal area and class III service roads cover the rest of the disturbed area. These have been maintained for the haul trucks bringing coal from Belina #1 and #2, by Savage Brothers and Western Coal Trucklines.

Other transportation facilities include the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Co., which is being extended beyond Clear Creek to the junction of Eccles Canyon, where a conveyor is planned to transport coal down from Skyline to a railroad loadout there.



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Statistics: 2 days, 12 hours
1 person \$85.94
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