

MEMO TO COAL FILE

November 16, 1981

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

A partial inspection of the Belina mines was conducted on November 13, 1981, by Jean Doure, reclamation officer for the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, accompanied by Trevor Whiteside, chief engineer of Valley Camp.

The mine identification sign was posted at the mine site entrance area. Easily visible and complete yellow wooden perimeter markers about 2½ feet high are placed around the disturbed area and buffer zone markers, as applicable, are in place. There is one topsoil stockpile with an adequate marker.

A new development noted on this inspection was a manshaft being constructed adjacent to the bathhouse at Belina #1, which will allow entry down to the seam below the Belina #2 mine. This construction is reported to have a permit from MSHA. A new culvert directs runoff across the entry area.

Overland flow from undisturbed areas is diverted away from the disturbed areas by means of well bermed diversion channels to reduce the volume of water to be treated. The runoff is directed into canyons where it runs to natural drainage. Some straw bale dikes are used and these should be made intact this month for the winter snow melt.

Water flow from the disturbed area is controlled by berms, straw bale dikes, and sediment basins and flow into the sediment pond in Mud Canyon.

Gravel has been excavated from the mine water treatment pond to work on the decant pipe of the overflow so it will no longer leak unfiltered water from the pond. Very little water is being discharged and it had not passed the second gravel filter.

Mr. Whiteside said there is no development waste to be handled above ground. They do not process coal; it is trucked down to Utah #2 loadout for shipment on the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad. Non coal waste is contained in a dumpster until it is full, then it is trucked to the county landfill at Price.

No areas have been revegetated this season.

Memo to Coal File
Belina #1 and #2 mines
Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.
ACT/007/001
Scofield, Carbon County, Utah
Page 2

An area of concern noted in the previous inspection was some earth fill placed against the high wall near the new loadout pad, that could block the drain. This had been removed immediately after the inspector noted it and was not present at this time.


JEAN L. DOUTRE
RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Ehmett
Inspection Staff

JLD/tr

Statistics: See Blazon Memo November 11, 1981.
Grant A and E