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REGISTERED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Trevor Whiteside  
Senior Mining Engineer  
Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.  
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Helper, Utah 84526

RE: August 24, 1981,  
Inspection

Dear Mr. Whiteside:

This letter is sent in response to the August 24, 1981, inspection of Utah #2 and Belina mines by Sandy Pruitt and Rex Fidler.

Belina Mines

It was noted that the roadside berm above the overland conveyance ditch to Whiskey Creek had been repaired and materials stored near the bypass culvert inlet had been removed. The road and adjacent area to the Whiskey Creek culvert inlet had been contoured, riprapped and stabilized in a very effective manner (refer to August 10, 1981, memo under Belina Mines).

The runoff from the substation pad had been properly addressed. The area had been graded and bermed. Also, a culvert had been installed which carried the runoff from the substation pad onto the drainage ditch along the road.

The road which runs under the conveyor just below the Belina #1 portal was properly bermed and the drainage culvert was properly addressed (refer to memo dated August 31, 1981). Enclosed is a copy of the termination notice for this violation (#81-2-10-1).

Problems Evident at Belina Mines

At the time of the inspection, the filter pond was discharging. A sample of the discharge was taken and the amount of flow was measured. During the inspection, it was noted that there was a pump on the bank of the sediment pond. It had been used and permission was given by the Division for a one

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time use. Refer to July 9, 1981, inspection memo dated July 27, 1981. Because this equipment is not a necessary part of the sediment control measures, it was suggested, at the time of the inspection, that this piece of equipment be removed. The sediment pond has been constructed so that it does have an appropriate combination of emergency spillways to safely discharge runoff from precipitation events as required by UMC 817.46, Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds.

Raptor Proofing Information. On July 9, 1981, Mr. Ed Faust had committed to presenting to the Division a written report by August 15, 1981, identifying whether power lines in the area were hazardous to raptors. At the present time, the Division hasn't received such a report. Refer to August 3, 1981, letter to Mr. Trevor Whiteside.

Utah #2 Mine

While visiting Utah #2 loadout area, it was noted that the area northeast of the maintenance shed was bermed and the 12-inch culvert of uncertain origin which entered into the natural drainage had been plugged. Also, in the area east and north of the processing facilities near the conveyor, the berm which was breached had been bermed and the downslope of this area had been repaired. At this time, Mr. Whiteside stated that in the future they were going to install a culvert so that drainage from this area would be emptied into the ditch and carried over to the sediment pond. The above-mentioned problems which have been addressed are mentioned in the August 3, 1981 memo.

Problem Areas at the Utah #2 Loadout Area

The area south of the loadout and also east of the sediment pond and railroad tracks, there is presently material stored in this area. This noncoal waste is not being handled as required by UMC 817.89. Mr. Whiteside at this time indicated that he would send information to the Division requesting that this be designated as a noncoal waste disposal site. The deadline for submitting plans to the Division regarding this matter is September 24, 1981. The road up to the truck loadout had a breached berm on the west side of the road entrance. This was caused by the loader backing over the berm.

If you have any questions regarding anything in this letter, please contact Sandy Pruitt or myself.

Sincerely,

  
REX FIDLER  
RECLAMATION OFFICER

Enclosure

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM  
Inspection Staff

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