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Inspection Date July 21, 1982

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INSPECTION REPORT

TO: OSM FILE X, STATE X, COMPANY     , ASSESS. OFF. X, TECH. CNTR X  
MMS X, BLM X, BIA     , USFS X, INDIAN TRIBE     

FROM: Jodie Merriman

OSM ENFORCEMENT ACTION: NO ACTION TAKEN X, NOV     , CO     ,  
TEN-DAY NOTICE     

PERMITTEE: Valley Camp of Utah

ADDRESS : P.O. Box 507, Clearcreek, UT 84517

MINE NAME: Belina #1 and Utah #2 TELEPHONE:     

TYPE OF INSPECTION: OVERSIGHT X, FEDERAL     , INDIAN     , CC     ,  
FOLLOWUP     , COMPLETE X, PARTIAL     

STATE PERMIT NO.: ACT /007/001, MSHA NO.     

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RECLAMATION SPECIALIST(S): Jodie Merriman OSM

Joseph Helfrich UDOGM

OPERATOR: Valley Camp of Utah

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES: Trevor Whiteside

Ed Sanderson

### Permits

All applicable permits and approvals were available for review at the mine office. The filter pond revision plan was approved by the State Department of Health in a letter dated June 18, 1982. The Division was reviewing these plans at the time of inspection. Water monitoring data was available through the second quarter of 1982. There were several instances when total suspended solids (TSS) exceeded the limitations of the NPDES permit. Water sample station #VC-001 (Belina Mine Discharge) recorded figures of 44 and 217 mg/l for June 9 and June 23, 1982, respectively. On February 24, 1982, #VC2 (Mud Creek above Utah #2 Mine) recorded 47 mg/l TSS and #VC-1 (Mud Creek below Utah #2 Mine) recorded 309 mg/l TSS.

### Signs and Markers

All applicable signs and markers were in place, although there is a question as to how many perimeter markers are necessary. Only two perimeter markers were seen by the inspectors. This was discussed with Mr. Whiteside and he felt that the regulations pertaining to perimeter markers were ambiguous. Evidently Utah has no guidelines for the type or placement of markers.

### Topsoil

The topsoil stockpile area will be maintained as a topsoil storage site.

### Hydrologic Balance

As mentioned previously, the Department of Health has given approval for the expansion at the filter pond. Mr. Whiteside committed to having this work completed by the end of September.

A large amount of coal has been deposited in the #3 sediment pond due to overflow from the coal stockpile at the Utah #2 loadout.

### Disposal of Underground Development Waste and Excess Spoil

Underground development waste is disposed of in cross cuts within the mine.

### Disposal of Non-Coal Waste

Two sites are being considered for storage of non-coal wastes. The first site is on the drainage entering adjacent and below the silo pad. The alternative site also under consideration is on the drainage to the south of the topsoil stockpile area.

### Contemporaneous Reclamation

The vegetation on the slopes above the road leading to the stacking tube pad looks very good. The coal stockpile is expanding to the point where coal is spilling onto the reclaimed area to the south of the stockpile. Also, some slippage was noted on the reclaimed slopes. These concerns were discussed with Mr. Whiteside.

Subsidence Control

The subsidence monitoring plan consists of a physical examination on foot and an aerial photography analysis.

State Enforcement Actions

NOV 82-1-9-2 was issued by Joe Helfrich on July 21, 1982.

Violation #1 of 2 was issued for failure to operate in accordance with the approved plan and failure to maintain sediment control structures. This notice applies to sediment pond #3 at the Utah #2 loadout. Remedial action requires cleaning the sediment pond, removing all coal and establishing the approved volume of the pond. The abatement date is set at August 20, 1982.

Violation #2 of 2 was issued for failure to meet effluent limitations (see permits). It applies to the area of the Utah #2 operation between surface monitoring points and the Belina mine water discharge. Remedial action requires the company to meet effluent limitations and reconstruct the filter pond. The abatement date is September 19, 1982.

  
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