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Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

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

On January 25, 1982, the above-mentioned minesite was given a partial inspection by Division Inspectors Sandy Pruitt, Dave Lof and Ken Wyatt. Trevor Whiteside, senior mining engineer for Valley Camp, accompanied inspectors on this tour. The main concern at the Utah #2 loadout is a condition that has existed for several weeks now. At the Utah #2 turnoff from Highway 96, an accident involving a coal truck has occurred. This truck tipped over at the turnoff spilling coal onto the road and banks of sediment pond #2. Some clean-up of the area has been done, however, a combination of this coal and snow removal waste has obstructed the intended disturbed area drainage into this sediment pond. As a result, snow melt runs down the access road and ponds at the junction of Highway 96 and the access road turn-off just south of sediment pond #2. If this area is not maintained, excessive ponding could occur resulting in this disturbed area runoff bypassing the sediment control facilities and reaching Pleasant Valley Creek untreated. The operator was asked to maintain the area to ensure that disturbed area runoff was channeled into the sediment pond. This area will be examined on subsequent inspections.

Also examined during the inspection, were the undisturbed area drainages. These drainages appeared to be adequately protected and no snow removal waste had been placed into them.

Snow removal operations on the bathhouse/warehouse pad have created large snow waste stockpiles (approximately five feet) on the perimeter of the north and west edges of this pad. In one place, northwest of the bathhouse, a dark mud-like substance was observed on the downslopes of these snow stockpiles. This substance appeared to have been pushed over the top of these stockpiles during snow removal activities. This substance could be washed from the disturbed area during the upcoming runoff season. Care should be taken by the operator to ensure that future occurrences of this type are prevented. No other compliance problems were observed.

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Statistics:

See the Belina #1 and 2 Mine memo dated February 22, 1982
Grant: A & E