

April 30, 1982

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Inspection Memo  
to Coal File:

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

On Monday, April 19, 1982, Inspectors Ken Wyatt and Joe Helfrich conducted a partial inspection of the above-mentioned minesite. Inspectors toured the minesite with Trevor Whiteside of Valley Camp to discuss redistribution plans for the Coastal States/Valley Camp topsoil exchange. At the time of this inspection, no exchange has occurred and will not until favorable ground and weather conditions prevail. Mr. Bill Haynes of Valley Camp is the person to decide if and when the exchange will begin.

Inspectors discussed storage areas and protective measures for the topsoil. Mr. Whiteside indicated Valley Camp was considering three areas for storage. These are:

1. The slopes to the southeast of the coal stockpile pad.
2. The slopes directly below the conveyor.
3. The slopes of the sediment pond.

If approved, soil will be placed approximately six inches deep on these areas. Revegetation would utilize Valley Camp's reclamation seed mix.

Inspectors were concerned about revegetation and protection of topsoil in the latter two proposed areas. Area 2 would continually be subject to coal fines falling from the conveyor above. This deposition could be a source of topsoil contamination and possibly influence revegetation success. Area 3, the slopes above and below the sediment pond, could be influenced by annual snow removal activities. Snow either pushed or blown onto these slopes could affect the vegetation and topsoil, especially during the snow melt period. These areas are questionable as long-term topsoil storage sites.

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Snow is still present in the mine area, it will probably be another one to two months before the snow melts completely and the ground dries enough to begin work. Valley Camp still intends to pave the access road to the minesite in the future.

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RECLAMATION OFFICER

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Trevor Whiteside, Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.  
Inspection Staff

KW/btb

Statistics:

Vehicle: #EX 70237--717 miles

Per Diem: 2 persons X 3 days, 6 hours = \$239.99

Grant: A & E