

May 6, 1982

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Inspection Memo  
to Coal File:

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

DATE: March 9, 1982  
TIME: 11:35 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
WEATHER: Sunny and Cool  
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Trevor Whiteside  
STATE OFFICIAL: David Lof

Compliance with Permanent Performance Standards

77i et al Permit

Available at the mine offices was a letter dated August 20, 1976, from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining granting final approval of Valley Camp's Notice of Intent to Commence Mining Operations and Mining and Reclamation Plan under the Utan Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40-8, Utah Code Annotated 1953. Also available at the mine offices was a June 10, 1981, letter from the Division granting approval with stipulations for the Belina #2 Mine. According to the information available at the time of this memo, all stipulations have been fully addressed with the exceptions of Stipulations 6-81-4 and 6-81-7. The plans required of the operator by Stipulation 6-81-4 were received by the Division on December 20, 1981. They are currently under review. The plans concerning the mine water filter pond and the additional information required by the Division of Environmental Health after initial review have been submitted by Valley Camp. The State Division of Environmental Health is still in the process of reviewing these plans.

817.11 Signs and Markers

A complete and adequate mine sign was posted as were perimeter markers.

817.21-.25 Topsoil

At this time, Valley Camp does not have any topsoil. The topsoil they had previously stockpiled has been used to topsoil the downslope from the shower house pad to the loadout pad and a portion of the downslope to the sediment pond in an effort to establish vegetation on these slopes. On August 21, 1981, conditional approval was granted by the Division for a topsoil exchange between Valley Camp and Coastal States. Valley Camp addressed stipulations to the approval in a September 21, 1981, letter to the Division. Due to potential problems with topsoil protection as observed during an on-site

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inspection of previously redistributed topsoil and further examination of the topsoil plan, an April 26, 1982, letter from the Division was sent to Valley Camp in regard to protection of the topsoil from Coastal States which they wish to redistribute.

817.41-.52 Hydrologic Balance

There is a small maintenance problem with the runoff control system in the area where the Class II road from the materials storage yard meets the Class II road to the bathhouse. Instead of being conveyed in roadside ditches and then into culverts, runoff on the road was sheeting on the road surface and bypassing the culverts. The operator was given 30 days in order to have the roads properly graded so that the runoff control system would function as designed and thereby reduce the amount of sediment contribution from the roads.

The culvert underneath the conveyor was operating as designed.

817.52 Surface and Ground Water Monitoring

The operator received on January 30, 1980, approval from the Division for their subsidence and hydrologic monitoring plans. Water monitoring data through the fourth quarter of 1981 were available at the mine offices. Also available at the mine offices was a January 25, 1982, letter from Valley Camp to EPA and copied to the Division notifying EPA that on October 14, 1981, effluent limitation for oil and grease (10 mg/l) from discharge point VC 001 was exceeded. The maximum being 78.6 mg/l, the average being 26.73 mg/l.

817.71-.73 Disposal of Underground Development Waste and Excess Spoil and Nonacid and Nontoxic-forming Coal Processing Waste

Due to the thickness of the coal seams, there is very little, if any, underground development waste incurred. That which is incurred is disposed of in cross cuts underground.

817.89 Disposal of Noncoal Waste

The operator has a noncoal waste bin which is supposed to be periodically emptied by a contractor from Price. The bin was overflowing. The operator was given 30 days in order to have the waste hauled away and the excess materials surrounding the bin disposed of.

817.100 Contemporaneous Reclamation

As was mentioned previously in the topsoil section, there are several slopes upon which contemporaneous reclamation has taken place. It was noted during the inspection that due to snow removal activities, snow and its associated snow removal residues have been blown onto some of the reclaimed slopes. It was suggested that this practice be halted due to possible contamination of the topsoil used in reclamation and hinderance of the revegetation attempt.

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817.121-.126 Subsidence Control

As discussed in the previous section on water monitoring, Valley Camp recieved approval for their subsidence monitoring program on January 30, 1980. Their monitoring plan consists of a physical examination on foot which is conducted by Vaughn Hansen and Associates and an aerial photography analysis done by the Forest Service. The monitoring is conducted annually.

  
DAVID LOF  
RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Ehnett, OSM  
Trevor Whiteside, Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.  
Inspection Staff

DL/btb

Statistics:

Vehicle: #EX 45424--453 miles  
Per Diem: 1 person X 3 days, 11.5 hours = \$135.34  
Grant: A & E