

January 28, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

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RE: Valley Camp of Utah
Belina Mine
ACT/007/001
Carbon County, Utah

On November 24, 1982 a partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned mine site by Division inspector David Lof. He was accompanied on the inspection by Steve Tanner of Valley Camp. At the time of the inspection there was several feet of snow on the ground.

The mine water discharge, from the Belina No. 1 Mine is still being routed through the sediment pond until the mine water treatment pond can be upgraded. According to Mr. Tanner, they had cleaned snow out of the mine water pond several times in an attempt to get the area to dry out quicker so they could work on the pond, but it snowed again before it was dry enough to work on. While in the mine office, talking with Trevor Whiteside of Valley Camp, we briefly discussed changing the design of the mine water pond into a sump with several filters. Mr. Whiteside said that they were in the process of determining whether or not it would be more economically feasible to change the design of the pond. No definite plans had been made.

The sediment pond was discharging at the time of the inspection. However, I was unable to get a discharge sample because of the amount of snow on the ground.

While discussing subsidence with Mr. Tanner, he indicated that there had been some minor surface affects from subsidence observed above the sections which had been pillared in 1980 in first and second south. He indicated that they had not at this time quantified the amount.

During snow removal from the bath house pad snow from this disturbed area was blown out over the down slope from the pad which has been topsoiled and revegetated. It is difficult at this time to tell exactly what effect this will have on successful revegetation of this slope. This downslope should be carefully inspected this spring in regard to vegetation.

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Statistics:

See Church Mine memo dated January 21, 1983