

May 31, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.
Utah #2 Mine
ACT/007/014
Folder No. 7
Carbon County, Utah

On May 12, 1983 a partial inspection was conducted by Ken Wyatt of the Division accompanied by Steve Tanner from Valley Camp, Inc. The weather was partly cloudy and cool. Recent snowfall in the area had created wet conditions.

The slump on the outer slope of the Utah #2 portal pad, directly across from the portal and fan was discussed. The operator indicated that this area was being monitored daily to insure that soil and mud does not encroach on Mud Creek and to examine for continued movement.

Corrective actions were discussed for the area when it dries out. The slumped material could be pulled back upslope using a back hoe and the drainage pattern could be realigned to drain water eastward toward the railroad tracks. This drainage change would keep water off the fill section of the pad and help reduce fill saturation hopefully preventing future slumpages.

Straw bales may need to be implemented along the base of these slumpages to prevent mud flows into Mud Creek. The operator should use their discretion on the need for such implementation. Future inspections will determine any impacts on the adjacent stream.

Sediment pond #2 was examined and appears quite full of sediment at this time. Mr. Tanner stated that this pond had been slated for cleaning out in the near future. He also raised the question whether or not the material excavated from the pond could be dried and used as fill material in the sediment pond #3 modification.

Basically the modification to sediment pond #3 would involve filling and leveling off the existing pond to create additional pad area in which to stockpile coal. A new pond would be constructed to the south and would replace the existing pond. Plans for this modification have been submitted and are currently being reviewed. Fill material to be used for this activity would come from the realignment and surfacing of the Belina #1 Mine haul road.

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After discussing the use of sediment pond #2 sediment as fill material with DOQM hydrologists and engineers it is recommended that Valley Camp submit a short narrative to DOQM detailing how the sediments excavated from sediment pond #2 would be used in the sediment pond #3 modification. This narrative should include how these materials will be dried, mixed with other fill and compacted during the construction process. No compliance problems were observed at this time.

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Statistics:

See Valley Camp of Utah, Inc. Belina #1 Mine memo, dated May 31, 1983.
Grant: A & E