

June 30, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

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

DATE: June 23 & 24, 1983
TIME: 12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. and 9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
WEATHER: Partly cloudy and warm approximately 75°
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Trevor Whiteside - office, Ed Sanderson - field
STATE OFFICIALS: Ken Wyatt
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: None

Compliance with Permanent Performance Standards

771 et al Permits

Interim approval was granted by DOGM in a letter from Ron Daniels dated May 11, 1978. This approval was granted for the Utah #2 loadout. Approval for the modification of sediment pond #3 at the loadout was given in a letter dated June 20, 1983 from Jim Smith of DOGM.

817.11 Signs and Markers

The mine identification sign was posted as required. Some perimeter markers were observed near the water tank access road. These markers are in the form of a flourescent 6" to 8" stake. However, additional markers were not seen delineating the remainder of the disturbed area. This could potentially create problems should questions arise in the future concerning where surface disturbances exist.

817.41 - .52 Hydrologic Balance

Excavation of the #2 sediment pond sediment has commenced. Mr. Whiteside indicated that the sediment was too wet for removal using a front-end loader. He further indicated that some other equipment would be used to remove this material. Use of this mateial as fill was discussed previously and again during this inspection. Some type of narrative on the use of this sediment as fill material needs to be submitted to the Division prior to use. This was discussed in the previous inspection memo also, otherwise disposal of the sediment material should be in an approved landfill site as discussed in the Valley Camp MRP. This includes the material excavated from the #3 sediment pond as abatement actions for NOV N82-1-9-2, #1 of 2. This

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narrative should be submitted to the Division prior to any disposal not in accordance with the Valley Camp MRP.

The sediment pond #3 modification is pending. Mr. Whiteside stated that the need for the modification is still uncertain at this time.

The material excavated from the sediment pond #3 during the abatement of NOV 82-1-9-2, #1 of 2 had been stockpiled on the non-coal waste pad below the coal truck dump area adjacent to the proposed scale facility. This material was dried and moved to the pad across from the Utah #2 portals. This material is proposed to be used as fill for regrading of the pad to promote drainage off of the slumped areas. Again, this material should be approved for use as fill on the pad regrading efforts prior to use.

The slump areas as discussed in previous memos has dried out considerably. The future of these areas was discussed with the operator. Several options are foreseeable at this time. The slump material could be pulled back upslope and stabilized with vegetation, the drainage on the fill section of the pad can be reestablished and drained back toward the railroad tracks, large boulders could be strategically placed at the toe of the fill to help anchor it. A combination of all of the above options would probably be most beneficial to Valley Camp in order to prevent future occurrences of this type of slumpage problem.

817.52 Surface and Groundwater Monitoring

Valley Camp was issued a NPDES permit #UT-0022985 on October 7, 1982. This permit expires on June 30, 1987 and allows discharge from the three sediment ponds at the Utah #2 loadout into Mud Creek.

Water monitoring data for the first quarter of 1983 was available at the mine office. The second quarter of 1983 was monitored in April. As of yet no data has been returned from Vaughn Hansen. This information should be submitted to the Division upon receipt.

817.89 Disposal of Non-Coal Waste

Non-coal waste carried down with the coal trucks from the Belina Mine is temporarily stored on the pad just below the truck dump area. These wastes are periodically placed in a dumpster located on this pad and carried off-site for final disposal.

817.97 Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Values

It was observed during this inspection that the trout population from the Scofield Reservoir was attempting a migration upstream in order to spawn. Several fish were observed attempting to enter the culvert under State Highway 96 at the Utah #2 loadout turnoff. Due to the high water flows at this time no fish were observed being successful moving upstream at this point.

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817.111 - .117 Revegetation

No areas at the Utah #2 loadout have been revegetated in the recent past. Areas in need of revegetation may include the downslopes of the pad across from the Utah #2 portals in the vicinity of the recent slumpages. Revegetation of these slopes could help to stabilize this area and prevent further slumpage in the future.

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Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Statistics:

See Belina #1 and #2 Mine memo dated June 29, 1983.
Grant: A & E