

August 18, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Valley Camp of Utah Inc.
Belina Mines
ACT/007/001, Folder #7
Carbon County, Utah

On August 4, 1983, DOGM Field Specialist, Ken Wyatt conducted a follow-up inspection at the above referenced mine site. The purpose of this inspection was to follow up on NOV N83-7-6-1, issued on July 26, 1983, and as follow up to Cessation order C83-1-1-1.

After some delay at the mine office an inspection of the Belina complex was conducted. Road work on the Belina access road resurfacing was ongoing. The concrete drainage ditch was completed approximately two-thirds of the way down the road. Mirafi fabric was being laid down at the bottom of this road. Additional road base material was observed being compacted over the top of the mirafi material.

In relation to Cessation Order C83-1-1-1, a water sample of the sediment pond No. 4 discharge was collected at 1:27 pm from the primary discharge structure. A second sample was collected below the discharge at the point where Valley Camp has installed an ISCO automatic sampler.

It is interesting to note that Valley Camp has installed this sampler and collects eight hour composite samples. It was observed at this time that once the composite sample had been obtained smaller increment samples were collected from the supernatant water in the large container. This method of sampling clearly biases representative sampling in that sediment that had settled out during the eight hour collection period and was not remixed prior to the smaller sample being decanted.

The Belina mine water filter pond was still under construction at this time. The base had been poured and support structures were being erected to support the walls during concrete pouring. Mine water was observed backed up behind berms at the portal south of the conveyor. Here cokebreeze was being used as a filter medium prior to the mine water flowing out and into sediment pond No. 4.

The drop drain adjacent to the bathhouse had been cleaned out. Material on the down slope of the material storage pads had been removed. These areas appeared well maintained.

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An inspection of the load out area was conducted in order to examine for further unpermitted construction activity in relation to NOV N83-7-6-1. At this time no further disturbances or activity was noted.

The soil material excavated during the early construction phase was stockpiled on the Utah No. 2 portal pad west of the railroad tracks. This material appears suitable as a plant growth supporting medium. This stockpile was approximately 400 hundred feet long by 10 feet high and 20 feet wide. The soil samples were collected at various points along the stockpile in order to determine if this material is suitable plant growth medium. If it does turn out to be suitable material it will need to be protected according to UMC 817.23(b). Valley Camp is recommended to have this material adequately sampled and tested for topsoil capabilities.

No compliance problems were encountered at this time, however, for future reference Valley Camp is reminded of UMC 840.12 and UCA 40-10-19(2)(b) which allows access to mining operations without advance notice.

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Trevor Whiteside, Valley Camp of Utah, Inc.
Joe Helfrich, DOGM

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