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TO: Inspection Memo to Coal File
FROM: Ken Wyatt, Mining Field Specialist *KW*
RE: Valley Camp of Utah Inc., Belina Complex, ACT/007/001, Folder
No. 7, Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection of the Valley Camp Mine facilities was conducted on June 25, 1984 by DOGM Field Specialist Ken Wyatt. Mr. Steve Tanner of Valley Camp accompanied this inspector in the field.

At the time of this inspection more mine water than had been anticipated was being encountered. Excess water was being routed around the mine water filter pond through Pond #4. A water sample of the Sediment Pond No. 4 discharge was collected at 2:30 P.M. and is currently being analyzed. The mine water filter pond discharge appeared in compliance at this time. Clogging of several of the filter media was occurring due to the high concentration of coal fines in the mine water. Mr. Tanner indicated that a floc was being utilized to allow for better settling of suspended solids prior to discharge.

New perimeter markers as discussed during previous inspections have been installed. These markers at the mine site consist of orange plastic straps wrapped around and attached to the trees throughout the perimeter of the disturbed area. These new markers allow for unobscured perimeter location above snow levels.

Revegetation efforts conducted last fall were showing fair signs of germination. The success of the revegetation has been hindered due to the heavy snow fall this winter and the snow removal procedures used in this area. The use of fertilizer to enhance the revegetation was discussed with the operator.

At the loadout some small fish were observed attempting migration up Mud Creek past the culvert under Highway 96 at the Valley Camp load out. At this time no fish were observed passing the culvert due to the high flow in Mud Creek.

Pond No. 2 at the loadout has been cleaned recently. The oil skimmer on this pond needs to be cleared of sediment to allow for oil and grease separation as designed. Mr. Tanner indicated he would have this work done. Water was observed being retained in Pond No. 1.

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The topsoil material salvaged at the load out during the truck scale installation was discussed. Mr. Tanner was advised to inform Trevor Whiteside to submit a topsoil handling plan for this material prior to its utilization. The operator indicated desires to utilize a portion of this soil material for interim revegetation at the Belina Mine site and the remaining would be stored at the topsoil storage site. These plans should be submitted soon to allow time for the Division to approve these plans and to allow Valley Camp ample time for final grading of the truck scale installation area prior to the fall revegetation season. No violations were warranted.

KW/re

cc: Jodie Merriman, OSM
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Joe Helfrich, DOGM
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Statistics:

Vehicle: EX45428 - 368 Miles
Per diem: 1 persons X 1 day 7.5 hours = \$36.00
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