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INSPECTION REPORT

 INSPECTION DATE & TIME: April 20, 1989
9:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

 Permittee and/or Operators Name: Valley Camp of Utah
 Business Address: Scofield Route, Helper, Utah 84526
 Mine Name: Belina Complex Permit Number: ACT/007/001
 Type of Mining Activity: Underground XX Surface Other _____
 County: Carbon State: Utah
 Company Official(s): Ed Foust, Steve Tanner
 State Official(s): Daron Haddock, Harold Sandbeck
 Partial: _____ Complete: XX Date of Last Inspection: March 16, 1989
 Weather Conditions: Partly cloudy, warm
 Acreage: Permitted 3136 Disturbed 79 Regraded _____ Seeded _____ Bonded 79
 Enforcement Action: NOV N89-28-6-1
COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	(X)	()	()	(X)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	(X)	()	()	()
3. TOPSOIL	(X)	()	()	(X)
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	()
b. DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	()	(X)	()	(X)
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(X)	()	()	()
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	(X)	()	()	()
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	(X)	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND SPOIL	(X)	()	()	()
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	()	()	(X)	()
8. NONCOAL WASTE	(X)	()	()	(X)
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	(X)	()	()	()
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	(X)	()	()	()
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	(X)	()	()	()
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	(X)	()	()	()
13. REVEGETATION	(X)	()	()	()
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	(X)	()	()	(X)
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	(X)	()	()	(X)
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	(X)	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	(X)	()	()	()
d. MAINTENANCE	(X)	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	(X)	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	(X)	()	()	()

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1. PERMITS:

Permit ACT/007/001 expires on August 24, 1989. The operator is required to submit a reorganized MRP 120 days prior to the expiration date, which would be April 24, 1989. This requirement was specified in the Mid-Permit Review which was completed September 18, 1987. The operator is working toward getting a reorganized MRP, but indicated that an extension of time would probably be required to complete the project.

3. TOPSOIL:

Last fall the sediment ponds at the Utah 2 loadout were cleaned. The sediment removed has been tested and determined satisfactory to use as substitute topsoil. At the present time it is being stored temporarily at the site, but should soon be used to reclaim part of the portal area of the Utah 2 Mine.

4b. DIVERSIONS:

A hose that carries water from the Belina fan portal to the mine discharge pond had become disconnected (probably froze over the winter). This hose was repaired during the inspection thus alleviating the need for enforcement action.

The other diversions at the mine site as well as the loadout appear to be working correctly. All runoff from disturbed areas is reporting to a sediment pond.

4c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS:

The mine pond 005 was not discharging during this inspection.

During the inspection of pond 004 it was noticed that the water level in the pond came right to the principle spillway. Water was not being discharged even though running water could be heard. Upon further investigation it was found that water was running through the emergency spillway. Water was not visible at the surface of the spillway but appeared to be piping through the embankment a couple of feet below the surface of the spillway. The spillway is well lined with rip rap and large rocks which protect it from erosion. There appeared to be no problem with embankment stability as the water being discharged was clear. Discharge was estimated to be approximately 10 gpm. Samples of the water being discharged were gathered and will be analyzed.

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4c. SEDIMENT PONDS (continued)

Notice of Violation N 89-28-6-1 was issued for failure to maintain a sedimentation pond in accordance with the approved permit and the Utah coal mining regulations. The operator was given until April 28, 1989 to repair the leak.

On April 21, 1989 the operator contracted a construction crew to repair the leak. The undersigned inspector returned to the site on that date to view the construction and to try to determine the cause of the leak. Numerous marmot holes were evident in the rocks around the spillway and it is possible that the leak may have been caused by rodents. At 9:00 p.m. a phone call from Mr. Tanner to the undersigned inspector indicated that the repairs to the spillway had been completed.

The operators quarterly pond inspection reports indicate that the ponds were inaccessible on March 15, 1989.

4f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

Discharge Monitoring Reports for the first quarter of 1989 were checked. The only discharge reported was from pond 005. The discharge was reported to be within the NPDES effluent limitations.

Biomonitoring for the first quarter was done on February 23-27 by Aqua Surveys. The test was passed.

8. NONCOAL WASTE:

The areas sited in NOV N 89-28-4-2 part 2 of 2 were inspected and found to be in order. The NOV was terminated effective March 31, 1989.

14. SUBSIDENCE:

Intermountain Aerial Surveys is being contracted to complete a subsidence survey. Sites were flown last year and will be flown again this year after control points have been surveyed in. A letter from IAS dated February 21, 1989 states that the first report should be submitted prior to March 1990.

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15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS:

Valley Camp of Utah submitted a letter dated April 6, 1989 informing the Division that they have temporarily ceased mining operations at the Belina Mine Complex. If this situation continues past 30 days, the operator will submit other information required by UMC 817.131(b).

16a ROAD CONSTRUCTION:

The operator's haul roads were certified on July 6, 1988 by Ed Foust, Registered Professional Engineer.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Ed Foust (Valley Camp)
Mailed to SLC for: Brian Smith (OSM) Joe Helfrich (DOGM)
Filed to: PFO

Inspectors Signature and Number: Daron R. Haddock #28 Date: May 1, 1989