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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: July 20, 1989
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 Surface Other
County: Carbon State: Utah
Company Official(s): Steve Tanner
State Official(s): Daron Haddock, Sue Linner
Partial: Complete: Date of Last Inspection: June 16, 1989
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy, Warm
Acreage: Permitted 3136 Disturbed 79 Regraded Seeded Bonded 79
Enforcement Action: None

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	(X)	()	()	(X)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	(X)	()	()	(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)	()	()	(X)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	(X)	()	()	(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)	()	()	(X)
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	(X)	()	()	(X)
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	(X)	()	()	(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)	()	()	()
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	(X)	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	(X)	()	()	()
d. MAINTENANCE	(X)	()	()	(X)
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	(X)	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	(X)	()	()	()

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1. PERMITS:

The operator's permit expires on August 24, 1989. The operator is currently working on renewing the permit by submitting a current and updated mining and reclamation plan (MRP). Progress has been slow in this regard and on April 24, 1989 a Notice of Violation was issued to Valley Camp Coal Co. for not having the required material submitted 120 days prior to permit expiration. The violation was terminated effective June 30, 1989 when sections R-614-100 through 400 were submitted. Additional work is being done at the present time and Sections R-614-500 through 700 are due on July 31, 1989.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS:

Mine ID signs, perimeter markers, stream buffer zone signs, and topsoil markers are in place.

3. TOPSOIL:

The topsoil pile at the Belina mine is in good condition. New straw bales have been used to maintain the berm around it.

The substitute topsoil material being stored temporarily west of the tracks at the Val Cam loadout, should be used in current reclamation or be stored in a more permanent manner. (i.e. seeded mulched, in designated area.)

4b. DIVERSIONS:

Many of the ditches around the mine site are in the process of being cleaned. All of the diversions appear to be functional and with continued maintenance should remain so. The ditch just below the grizzly at the Val Cam loadout is in marginal condition and will be cleaned shortly.

4c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS:

Sediment ponds at the Val Cam loadout are all in good condition with plenty of storage capacity. At the Belina mine, pond 5 is discharging. The water looked clear so no sample was taken.

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4c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS: (continued)

Pond 4 is a couple of feet below discharge level. The embankment was inspected and appears to be in good condition. Mr. Tanner stated that recent surveys of the pond indicate that the embankment should be built up slightly. Some of the topsoil at the Val Cam loadout is planned for this project.

Self inspections of all 5 ponds was done June 29, 1989.

4f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS:

The only discharge reported from the mine during 2nd quarter 1989 was from pond 5. All parameters were within the required limitations. The May DMR for pond 5 was missing the TDS reading. The operator had realized this oversight and phoned in the TDS results to State Health. The analysis, which is within the effluent limitations, is on file at the mine site.

Biomonitoring was done May 25, 1989 with both the Fathead minnow test and the Ceriodaphnia test passed.

8. NONCOAL WASTE:

There was a small amount of oil puddled on the ground near the oil storage shed. Maintenance personnel cleaned up the spill during the inspection.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES:

A variety of wildlife was seen during this inspection including, badgers, deer, hawks, squirrels, marmots, and approximately 40 head of elk. The mine does not appear to have a detrimental effect on the animal life.

10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE:

A small amount of erosion appears to be taking place near the Val Cam belt portal. Wire mesh has been installed to check some of the erosion. Additional measures may be needed to prevent this area from eroding to the point of being a compliance issue.

11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION:

See number 3 above, TOPSOIL.

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14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL:

A fly-over is being scheduled for the end of August.

15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS:

After a short period of inactivity the operator has secured a contract and is now back to mining coal.

16d. ROADS MAINTENANCE:

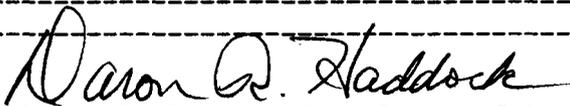
Roads over the entire site appear to be in good condition.

Copy of this Report:

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Inspectors Signature and Number:  #28 Date: July 25, 1989