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# ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH, INC.

~~SKYLINE MINE~~ Belina Mine  
ACT/007/005 ACT/007/001

CARBON COUNTY, UTAH

July 11, 1990

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The term of this permit renewal cannot exceed permit term, therefore this permit will expire 1994.

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## Issues

As part of the permit renewal process, Valley Camp of Utah was required to resubmit the MRP for the Belina Complex, updating the plan, including as-built designs for facilities which were proposed in the original plan, as well as all other approved changes.

The U.S. Forest Service as a major surface land owner, has been involved in the review of the revised MRP, and has raised several issues during the renewal processing. Major concerns raised by both the Forest Service and DOGM have either been addressed or included as stipulations to the permit.

DOGM was prepared to issue the permit renewal on July 5, 1990 when a problem was discovered upon running a 510(c) clearance check on Valley Camp of Utah. An affiliated company has an outstanding violation which has not been resolved. This violation is currently in the litigation process, and has been since its issuance circa 1980. Stipulation #3 was added to the permit to address this issue.

All other issues raised, with the exception of those stipulations attached to the permit, have been resolved to the satisfaction of all involved agencies.

A Technical Analysis was conducted on the original permit application, in 1984. Another TA will be done upon the completion of Stipulation #1 and #2.

## Permit Changes

During the initial permit term several amendments to the permit were submitted and approved by DOGM, including:

Approval for cleanout of Sediment Pond #4, November 24, 1986.

Approval to modify NPDES permit and add 6" minewater discharge line, October 15, 1986

Approval to construct wash bay and substation retaining wall, December 15, 1986.

Approval of road and sediment pond certification, March 14, 1988.

Approval of small area exemptions, May 3, 1989.

Recommendation for Approval

Approval for permit renewal is recommended, based on the updated MRP; a review of the current permit, including all conditions, amendments and revisions approved to date; and conformance with criteria for approval of permit renewal applications (R614-303-230 thru 235)(see attached Permit Renewal Findings document). All issues raised during the review process which are pertinent to the term of renewal have been resolved or will be attached as stipulations to permit approval. No issues were raised during the public comment period.

PERMIT CHRONOLOGY  
VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH  
ACT/007/001

October 31, 1989	Division issues short term permit which expires on May 24, 1990
November 17, 1989	Valley Camp submits bond for \$2.3 million
December 17, 1989	Valley Camp submits complete baseline and operation plan text and maps
February 1, 1990	Valley Camp submits complete reclamation plan text and maps
March 7, 1990	Division makes decision concerning Determination of Completeness, publication
May 24, 1990	Division issues new short-term permit which expires on July 5, 1990
June 14, 1990	Valley Camp submits additional maps and monitoring information required by Division.
July 11, 1990	Division issues a permanent program mining permit effective July 5, 1990 which will expire on August 24, 1994.

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TO: Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor

FROM:  Joseph C. Helfrich, Regulatory Program Coordinator

RE: Five Year Permit Renewal, Valley Camp of Utah, Incorporated, Belina Complex Mine, ACT/007/001, Folder #3, Carbon County, Utah

As of the writing of this letter, there are no NOV's or CO's which are not corrected or in the process of being corrected. Any NOV's or CO's that are outstanding are in the process of administrative or judicial review. Valley Camp Coal Company, an affiliate by ownership of Valley Camp of Utah, Incorporated, has appealed finalized penalties for the federal cessation order #C80-1-38-10 in the U. S. District Court at Wheeling, West Virginia. This appeal revealed a conditional issue recommendation from the A.V.S. system.

Finally, they do not have a demonstrated pattern of willful violations, nor has either been subject to any bond forfeitures for any operation in the state of Utah.

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Joe Halfrich, AVS Representative, UT

AVS Office

OT: DSM Recommendation

July 10, 1990

nd Application Number ACT007001, VALLEY CAMP OF UTAH INC.,  
een researched, and the DSM recommendation is ISSUE -  
TIONED upon the outcome of pending hearing in District Court  
he Northern District of West Virginia.

Gary Fritz, Albuquerque Field Office.

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