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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: May 10, 1996, 1:30 am - 4:40 pm
Date of Last Inspection: May 2, 1996

Mine Name: White Oak Mining and Construction Co. County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/001
 Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Scofield Route, Helper, UT 84526
 Business Address: SAME
 Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Prep. Plant Other
 State Official(s): Ken Wyatt
 Company Official(s): Steve Tanner, Maurice Turpin, Mark Wayment
 Federal Official(s): None
 Weather Conditions: Clear, warm
 Existing Acreage: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
 Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
 Status: Exploration/ X Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
 Reclamation (Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____ (date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/001

DATE OF INSPECTION: May 13, 1996

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

4a. **HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS**

Notice of Violation N96-7-2-3 # 1 of 3 was issued on May 3, 1996, for failure to maintain ditches, diversions and culverts. Noticeable maintenance work has been done along the haul road, and within the disturbed area at the loadout and the mine. The disturbed area ditch draining into the sediment pond at the mine had been cleared of mine supplies and graded. The haul road ditch had been cleared of rock and debris. Several ditches at the loadout were in need of additional work. The majority of the ditches and diversions were clean and functional. The abatement deadline for the remainder of this work was extended until May 22, 1996. This will allow White Oak time to continue this maintenance effort. No further extension will be granted.

4b. **SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS**

Notice of Violation N96-7-1-1 was issued on March 27, 1996, for a leak in sediment pond 002a's embankment. Water was observed retained in this pond and none was flowing through the embankment. The bentonite seems to have stopped further leakage. White Oak is still trying to get the Army Corp of Engineers to visit the site for a wetland delineation. Two options are being considered. The first is to repair the pond to the specifications as described in the permit. The second option, depending on the Army Corp's determination, is to relocate the pond to expand the coal stockpile area. This NOV was modified to require White Oak to submit a description of their intended repair work by May 20, 1996. This modification requires that White Oak submit as-built designs for the repaired pond no later than June 17, 1996.

4c. **OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES**

Notice of Violation N96-7-2-3 #2 of 3 was issued on May 3, 1996, for failure to maintain sediment controls. This included the straw bale sediment controls at the turnout from Eccles Canyon Road along Eccles Creek at the base of haul road out slope, the area west of the turnout, and the area adjacent to culvert C-25-36. New straw bales had been installed along the base of the haul road along Eccles Creek.

The snow located at the turnout was removed and transported to the loadout. This snow was melting and flowing into pond 002a. Straw bales and a berm were installed along the edge to control flow away from Eccles Creek and through the strawbale check dams.

At culvert C-25-36, the snow had melted. Straw bales had been installed along the periphery of the road edge. New straw bale check dams had been installed in the road ditch. Additional work was requested prior to termination of this NOV. Some of the straw bales were not tightly connected. This could allow untreated flow to escape between the straw bales. The permittee will use loose straw to fill any voids between straw bales and in areas where water may channel below the straw bales. This NOV was extended to allow White Oak additional time to enhance the straw bale installation.

16b. **ROADS: DRAINAGE CONTROLS**

Notice of Violation N96-7-2-3 #3 of 3 was issued on May 3, 1996 for failure to maintain drainage controls as described in the approved plan to minimize erosion to the extent possible. This included the haul road down slopes where snow removal activity had scraped away the berm causing water to bypass the road culverts thereby eroding the down slope and below culvert C-22-24. White Oak will be submitting plans to address the repair of this problem. The abatement date was set for May 17, 1996. Mr. Tanner indicated that he intends to deliver these plans to the Division on May 16, 1996.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Steve Tanner, (White Oak)

James Fulton, (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich, (DOGM)

Filed To: Price Field Office

Inspector's Signature: *Ken Wyatt*

Date: May 15, 1996