



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial:___ Complete: XXX Exploration:___
Inspection Date & Time: 12/10/96 / 8:00a.m.-2:30p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 11/26/96

Mine Name: White Oak #1 & #2 County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/001
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: White Oak Mining and Construction Company
Business Address: Scotfield Route, Helper, Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface___ Prep. Plant___ Other___
Company Official(s): John Walters, Dennis Dyches
State Officials(s): Steve Demczak Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Snowing, 20 inches of snow cover
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 3136 Disturbed- 79 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 79
Increased/Decreased: Permitted-___ Disturbed-___ Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-___
Status: Exploration/ XXX 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

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - 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.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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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1. PERMIT -

- a) The sediment ponds were inspected for third quarter by the permittee on August 21, 1996. No hazardous conditions were reported.
- b) The Spill Prevention Control Plan needs to be updated and the permittee has committed to doing so.
- c) The Air Quality Order was reviewed and the permittee can mine up to 2.25 million tons of coal and be in compliance.
- d) Insurance acord form was inspected and the permittee is in the process of changing the form. The new form has the wording "will endeavor to contact the Division". This is being change by the permittee.
- e) The NPDES permit will expire on August 31, 1997. There was one discharge for October 1996 at location 004A. This sample was in compliance with the permit.
- f) The reclamation agreement and the permit were reviewed and were signed by both parties. The current bond is \$5,891,000. The permittee has received Division approval to lower the surety bond to \$3,451,700. The permittee has not submitted a permit amendment to reflect this new amount.
- g) The permit will expire on August 26, 1997.

4A. DIVERSIONS -

The majority of the diversions were covered with snow. The diversions along the main haul roads to the mine site were uncovered and functioning as designed.

4B. SEDIMENT PONDS -

The sediment ponds were covered with snow, therefore no signs of erosion could be seen. The ponds contained water and it is possible that the mine site pond might discharge for December. There were no signs of hazardous conditions taking place.

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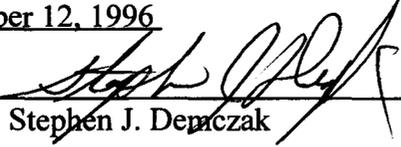
4D. WATER MONITORING -

The inspector reviewed the third quarter water monitoring field and lab results. It was compared with the Mining and Reclamation Plan and several of the parameters were not taken. The contractor that samples and fills in the forms for lab analysis did not note the changes in parameters from quarter to quarter in the MRP. Therefore, a Notice of Violation was written. There will be no abatement since it is after the fact.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: John Walters (White Oak) Marcia Petta (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: December 12, 1996

Inspector's Signature:  #39

Stephen J. Demczak