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**INSPECTION REPORT**

Partial: X Complete:    Exploration:     
 Inspection Date & Time: January 30, 1996, 12:45 pm - 2:50 pm  
 Date of Last Inspection: December 19, 1995

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  
 Federal Official(s): None  
 Weather Conditions: Cold, heavy snow  
 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.

	<u>EVALUATED</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>NOV/ENF</u>
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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>



## INSPECTION REPORT

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/001

DATE OF INSPECTION: January 30, 1996

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

Since early January, heavy snows have been falling throughout Utah. According to Mr. Tanner, the weather station at the Skyline Mine received over 96 inches of snow since January 16th. Between 3 and 5 feet of snow covered the mine site depending on aspect. During this inspection about 3 - 4 inches of new snow fell. Additional snow is expected throughout this week.

1. **PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE**

Several discussions were held with the operator in his office. These included the following.

A. The Division Order was also discussed. See discussion under part 7, Coal Mine Waste/refuse piles/impoundments.

B. The operator is developing an environmental awareness plan for employee use at the mine. Mr. Tanner indicated that he would be in the Division's Salt Lake office next week to present this plan for Division comments. The purpose of the plan is to aid the White Oak employees in determining when problems arise which require corrective action. It also provides them with information as to what is required for environmental compliance and why this is required. It will serve as an educational tool for the employees at the mine and should help develop better environmental awareness.

4b. **SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS**

The mine sediment pond was covered with ice and snow. According Mr. Tanner, the 55 gallon oil drum located near the sediment pond spillway was removed. This was not verified in the field due to snow depth.

Large piles of snow were observed stockpiled around the truck loading turn-around. According to Mr. tanner, White Oak is running out of space to stockpile snow and may need to find alternative snow storage areas. Placing snow in the sediment pond would diminish the storm volume capacity of the pond. Snow removal, placement and storage has been an historical problem at this mine.

7. **COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS**

Division Order 95a was issued to White Oak on November 28, 1995. Mr. Tanner indicated that he has requested a meeting at the Division to discuss this issue and its resolution. The date and time for this meeting has not been scheduled. In order to permit this area and to perform acid and toxic analysis of the material in question, samples would need to be taken for analysis. Heavy snow is hindering the permitting process.

8. **NONCOAL WASTE**

The 55 gallon drum located adjacent to the sediment pond spillway was removed according to Mr. Tanner. Access to the pond was not attempted.

16b. **ROADS: DRAINAGE CONTROLS**

During this inspection heavy snow continued to fall. The operator had three snow plows operating as well as the snow blower. Road drainages within the permit area were frozen and snow covered.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Steve Tanner, (White Oak)

James Fulton, (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich, (DOG M)

Filed To: Price Field Office

Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Ken Wyzanski*

Date: February 1, 1996