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State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: XXX Exploration: Inspection Date & Time: 11/19, 20/98 / 7:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Date of Last Inspection: 10/6/98

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: Scofield Route, Helper, Utah 84526 Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other Company Official(s): Vicky Miller State Officials(s): Steve Demczak Federal Official(s): Henry Austin, OSM Weather Conditions: Cool, 30's, 4" Snow Existing Acreage: Permitted- 3746 Disturbed- 140.2 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 140.2 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

- 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.

Table with 5 columns: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows 1-21 listing various permit conditions and their status.



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1. PERMIT-

There is one minor amendment that needs to be responded to by the permittee, -98C, the removal of a culvert. The permittee needs to address the deficiencies.

The mid-term was completed on March 18, 1997.

The permit will expire on August 24, 1999. There is 140.2 acres of disturbed area.

The SPCC Plan was reviewed by a P.E. engineer on August 25, 1997.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS -

Identification signs meet the requirements of the R645 Coal Rules. The perimeter markers were spot-checked and are located around the perimeter of the disturbed area.

3. TOPSOIL -

The topsoil piles were inspected with no signs of wind or water erosion. These piles are protected by berms.

The topsoil piles are well vegetated.

4A. DIVERSIONS -

The diversions were spot-checked and maintenance work will be needed on the main road diversion to access the mine site. This diversion is next to the haul road and is concrete lined. Sediment has recently been cleaned out of several diversions.

4B. SEDIMENT PONDS -

The sediment ponds were not discharging during the inspection. There were no signs of any hazardous conditions occurring to the sediment ponds during the inspection. The third quarter sediment pond inspection was done on September 29, 1998 and is P.E. certified.

4C. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES -

White Oak Mining uses straw bales, rock check dams, silt fences, and berms as its alternate sediment control measures. These areas were spot-inspected and complied with the R645 Coal Rules.

4D. WATER MONITORING -

The third quarter water monitoring report was sent to the Division. The permittee could not sample several sites due to snow drifts and not gaining access to use locked roads on US Forest Service ground. The request was made to gain access through locked Forest Service gates. Carter Reed denied permission.

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4E. EFFLUENT LIMITATION -

There was discharge for third quarter from the point sources 004A of the NPDES permit. There was one non-compliance with PH by a sample taken by DEQ. No violation was written by DEQ. Other samples were taken later and the PH was okay. The pond was being cleaned out during the sampling period.

There are five point sources at the White Oak site as indicated in the NPDES permit. This permit was renewed on August 7, 1998. The permit will expire on April 30, 2003 (UTG04000).

5. EXPLOSIVES -

There are no explosives boxes on the property. No explosives were used during third quarter.

7. SPOIL PILE -

The Spoil pile was inspected for third quarter with no hazardous conditions being noticed. This inspection document was P.E. certified on September 29, 1998.

8. NON-COAL WASTE -

The site has improved in the area of cleaning up the non-coal waste material. Permittee has scheduled to clean-up old mining material the first week of September.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES -

The permittee is underway in tearing down the old main office located across from the coal loadout facilities. Two dumpsters were filled with debris during the inspection.

20. AIR QUALITY -

The permittee is in compliance with the air quality approval order.

21. INSURANCE -

The insurance acord form was inspected and complies with the R645 Coal Rules. The acord form identifies that explosives can be used. This policy will expire on September 16, 1999.

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: Vicky Miller (White Oak) Henry Austin (OSM)
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Date: November 24, 1998

Inspector's Signature: _____ #39
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