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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: 6/29/99 / 9:30a.m.-1:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 5/25/99

Mine Name: White Oak #1 & #2 County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/001 #5
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): None
Weather Conditions: Warm, Clear, 70's
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.

	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____ (date)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1. PERMIT-

There are no amendments outstanding at White Oak Mining. The midterm 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.

The permittee is in the process of selling the property to a company called Lodestar. This sale is anticipated to be complete sometime in July.

The mine is currently idle and has been since the week of June 20, 1999.

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 along the many haul roads and mine site have been cleaned out since the last inspection.

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 first quarter sediment pond inspection was done on March 28, 1999 and is P.E. certified.

Water Quality had taken water samples the week of June 20, 1999.

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. The permittee had installed several straw bales throughout the mine site.

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4D. WATER MONITORING -

The first quarter water monitoring report was sent to the Division. The permittee could not sample several sites due to snow drifts and also not being able to access and use locked roads on US Forest Service ground.

4E. EFFLUENT LIMITATION -

There were no discharges for first quarter from the point sources 001A thru 005A of the NPDES permit.

There are five point sources at the White Oak site as indicated in the NPDES permit. All point sources are sediment ponds. 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 first quarter.

7. SPOIL PILE -

The spoil pile was inspected for fourth quarter with no hazardous conditions being noticed. This inspection document was P.E. certified on March 28, 1999.

8. NON-COAL WASTE -

The site has been free of non-coal waste. Clean up of the mine occurred prior to shutting down the mine.

15. CESSATION OF OPERATION -

The permittee plans to submit to the Division a letter stating temporary cessation of operation.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES -

There haven't been any facilities added to the property since the last inspection.

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19. AVS -

There have been no changes to ownership and control. The permittee is in the process of selling the property.

20. AIR QUALITY -

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

21. INSURANCE -

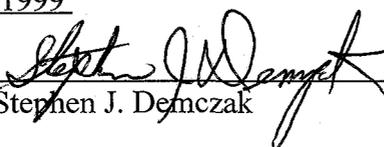
The insurance acord form was inspected and complies with the R645 Coal Rules. The acord form identifies that explosives can be used. This policy will expire on September 16, 1999.

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: Larry Jones/Vicky Miller (White Oak/Earthfax) Henry Austin (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: June 29, 1999

Inspector's Signature: _____


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