



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

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 4/11/2000 / 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 3/21/2000

Mine Name: White Oak #1 & #2 County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/001
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Lodestar Energy, Inc. and subsidiaries
Business Address: Scofield Route, Helper, Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Garon Hirata
State Officials(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy, Warm, 50's, Snow melting
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 3746 Disturbed- 142.8 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 3746
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 include items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING; DRAINAGE CONTROLS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

4a. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

Inspection of the bathhouse/administration building facilities and their surrounding areas revealed that an inadequate drainage system existed in the vicinity of the old belt portal for the upper #1 Mine.

An examination of the portal #14 area revealed that snow melt runoff was reporting to the central depression (east of portal 14) from a 180 degree sector. The berm was breeched and a significant flow was observed reporting over the outslope of the interburden between the upper and lower Mines. Severe erosion was observed, much of which occurred in coal fines which had accumulated from the old gallery belt.

At that point, the inspector requested that the surface drainage map which exists as part of the mining and reclamation plan be reviewed to determine if a culvert was supposed to exist in the area in question. It was confirmed that a culvert, C-36-12, was supposed to carry runoff from the collection point to the base of the slope. It was determined that same was not functioning.

Based on the evidence observed, and taken through photographs, a notice of violation N2000-46-1-2, 1 of 2 was issued on April 12, 2000 to the permittee for "Failure to Maintain Diversions."

14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL

A subsidence impact was observed in the same general area as the malfunctioning culvert. Examination of the area showed that same had been "dangered" off by the permittee at a previous time. The roof bolt standards and flagging were in disarray, indicating that they had been under snow for several months. Snow melt was observed reporting to the void; a pool had formed at the base of same.

Mine management was questioned about the impacted area; a "crack" had existed here before. Photographs of the area were taken.

Examination of the White Oak mining and reclamation plan at a later time indicated that the void had occurred over a portal entry (approximately 150 feet inby portal #8).

On April 12, 2000, notice of violation N2000-46-1-2, 2 of 2 was issued to the permittee for "failure to repair damage to surface lands."

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: David Miller (White Oak)

Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Pam Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

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Date: May 4, 2000

Inspector's Signature: _____

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