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August 7, 1979

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RE: Braztah Mine  
ACT/007/004

A partial inspection was made at this mine site on August 7, 1979 and August 8, 1979 by Mary Ann Wright of the Division. Mr. Ken Hutchinson and Mr. Laine Adair provided an informative tour of the mine site. The purpose of the inspection was to view areas of past reclamation efforts, to become familiar with the operation and to obtain an onsite overview of the proposed ventilation shaft in Sowbelly Gulch.

In the Willow Creek section of the permit area several reclaimed roads to past drill sites were inspected. Success of the revegetation efforts of these roads appeared to be quite high. Vegetative cover by the planted species approached that of the surrounding cover. Some small trees and shrubs have begun to invade the disturbed areas. It was stated that reclamation for most of the areas had taken place several years ago.

The Number 3 Mine in Hardscrabble Canyon was observed. The areas of note in the canyon, as mentioned by Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Adair were 1. the processing plant which has not been used since January, 1979 and which will be removed, 2. the various coal waste spills and piles in the immediate vicinity of the old plant which will be removed to the site of the old waste dump, 3. the site of the old waste dump which will be covered by the ground up rock to be created by the proposed bore shaft between two coal seams and, 4. the site of the proposed bore shaft, as previously mentioned, which will ultimately show only a 13" diameter pipe protruding above ground.

Sowbelly Gulch, off of Spring Canyon, is the site of the old town of Spring Canyon. The remains of this ghost town were razed in about 1974. Native vegetation of a completely acceptable cover now occupies this site. This canyon is the site of the proposed raised bore ventilation shaft. This shaft was provided for conceptually in the original mine plan and plans for it were presented to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining on July 27, 1979. The Division is presently reviewing the detailed plans and will respond to Braztah shortly. Of note in regards to this shaft is the stockpiling of topsoil. The shaft will occupy a small area which will consist of a raised pad and a five foot high concrete wall around the shaft. Little in the way of topsoil exists in this small area due to the prevalence of large to huge boulders outcropping within the 42' by 80' feet of proposed surface disturbance for the shaft. It is doubtful that much topsoil can be stockpiled from this area.

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Identification signs at the entrances to mine areas were noted. The state identification number was not present on these signs. Mr. Hutchinson said this would be remedied expeditiously.

Mr. Laine Adair and Mr. Don Stevens accompanied me on an inspection of several drill sites and a road which were reclaimed in Crandall Canyon in 1978. The sites had been cleaned up and regraded or ripped. Evidence of past seeding was apparent in these areas. Regrowth in these areas is proceeding at a good rate.

MAW  
MARY ANN WRIGHT  
RECLAMATION BIOLOGIST

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Coal Statistics:

Vehicle No. EX 70632  
381 Miles  
1 person x 1 day 14 hours = \$39.00

Other inspections and meetings on this trip:

Hidden Valley, Soldier Creek Coal Co.	8/7/79
Starpoint, Plateau Mining Co.	8/8/79
King 4 & 5, U.S. Fuel Co.	8/8/79
Deer Creek, Utah Power & Light	8/8/79
Co-op Mine, Co-op Mining Co.	8/8/79