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DIVISION OF
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Mr. Ron Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Department of Natural Resources
1588 N. West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find copies of on-site inspection reports. The inspections were conducted within Braztah Complex during the period of February 20, and 21, 1980.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Murray T. Smith
Chief, Division of Inspection & Enforcement

REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

PRICE RIVER COAL COMPANY
(BRAZTAH CORPORATION)
BRAZTAH COMPLEX
P.O. Box 629
Helper, Utah 84526
(801) 472-3411

DATE & TIME: February 20, 1980 - 9:30 a.m.
February 21, 1980 - 9:00 a.m.

WEATHER: Drizzle and snow

COUNTY & STATE: Carbon County, Utah

COMPANY OFFICIALS: Frank Pero, Gene Haub

STATE OFFICIAL: Joe Helfrich

OSM OFFICIAL: Larry Damrau

STATE PERMIT NO: ACT/007/004

MSHA I.D. NUMBER: 42-00165 and 42-01517

STATE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS: Letter of Notice of Violation (4 violations) issued October 9, 1979

FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION: NOV #79-5-5-30: Violation #1 of 3 terminated, Violations 2 of 3 and 3 of 3 vacated
NOV #79-5-5-31: Violation #1 of 3 terminated, Violations 2 of 3 and 3 of 3 vacated
NOV #79-5-5-32: Violation #1 of 3 terminated, Violations 2 of 3 and 3 of 3 vacated
NOV #79-5-5-33: Violation #1 of 5 vacated; Violations 2 of 5, 3 of 5, 4 of 5, and 5 of 5 terminated
NOV #80-5-3-1: Three violations issued. Violations #1 of 3, 2 of 3, and 3 of 3 terminated

GENERAL COMMENTS

A follow-up inspection was conducted to evaluate the remedial action required for the remaining outstanding violations under NOV's #79-5-5-30, 79-5-5-31, 79-5-5-32, and 79-5-5-33, and NOV #80-5-3-1 was issued. Observations made and enforcement actions taken are as follows:

NOV #79-5-5-30: Violation #1 of 3 - Failure to pass surface drainage from the disturbed area through a sedimentation pond (Castle Gate).

The remedial action required was submission of a sedimentation control plan, and the submittal was made by the company. Violation #1 of 3 was terminated on that basis. Temporary sedimentation control was also required under the Notice of Violation. At the time of this inspection, surface drainage was discharging through the cement culvert leading from the Castle Gate tipple directly to the Price River, without any retention period to allow suspended solids to settle prior to being discharged. There was also no sedimentation control for the #1 portal surface area immediately adjacent to and west of Highway 6.

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NOV #79-5-5-31: Violation #1 of 3 - Failure to pass surface drainage from a disturbed area through a sedimentation pond (Braztah #3).

NOV #79-5-5-32: Violation #1 of 3 - Failure to pass surface drainage from a disturbed area through a sedimentation pond (Braztah #5).

NOV #79-5-5-33: Violation #3 of 5 - Failure to have an approved groundwater monitoring plan.

Violation #4 of 5 - Failure to have an approved surface water monitoring plan.

Proposed monitoring plans dated October 19, 1979, were submitted by the company. Implementation of the approved plans are required. Both violations were terminated in that the required plans had been submitted.

Violation #5 of 5 - Failure to dispose of refuse in an area approved by the Regulatory Authority.

Proposed plans dated January 30, 1980, were submitted to OSM. The operator was informed that submission of the plans to the State Regulatory Authority was also necessary. The violation was terminated on the submittal action taken. Adequacy and completeness of the submitted material was not applicable to the termination.

NOV #80-5-3-1: Violation #1 of 3 - Placing material on the downslope of a bench area.

The violation was issued for the material pushed on the downslope during the construction of the #3 mine ventilation shaft bench area, within the left fork drainage of Sowbelly Canyon. All work on the bench had been completed, and since no further material was anticipated to be deposited below the bench, the violation was terminated. Natural slopes in the area exceed 20°.

Violation #2 of 3 - Failure to pass surface drainage from the disturbed area through a sedimentation pond.

The violation was written for discharge into the Price River from the cement culvert, and the absence of sedimentation control at Braztah #1, described above in Violation #1 of 3, NOV #79-5-5-30 discussion. Remedial action required sediment control be completed on the two areas no later than March 10, 1980.

Violation #3 of 3 - Failure to remove, segregate, stockpile, and protect topsoil at the #3 mine ventilation shaft construction area described above.

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Operations to protect the topsoil had not been taken on any of the areas affected by the ventilation shaft construction activities. Since no new area is anticipated to be affected by the ventilation shaft construction activities, the violation was terminated. Abatement actions required compliance with topsoil protection operations prior to conducting future mining activities on newly affected area.


LARRY DAMRAU
RECLAMATION SPECIALIST