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ACT/007/004

RE: Compliance

Dear Mr. Wiley:

On July 30, 1981, Reclamation Officers Rex Fidler and Sandy Pruitt visited the Price River Coal Complex (PRCC). PRCC is to be commended for their efforts at cleaning up the Hardscrabble material storage site at Goose Island on top of the refuse pile and on areas adjacent to the operation. There was generally evidence of increased awareness and efforts at compliance and reclamation through the PRCC. However, the following compliance measures are required within the specified time frames or notices of violation will be issued under the section cited. These deadlines were decided upon during the inspection giving a reasonable time for compliance of 30 days or until August 29, 1981.

Castlegate Preparation Plant

1. Control and upgrade material storage site in Barn Canyon as required by UMC 817.89, 817.42(a)(b) and 817.45.
2. Berms just east of the old water treatment plant need repair.
3. Operational compliance with UMC 817.42 and 817.45.
4. Drainage along the east side of the main access road is eroding the gully where it enters the undisturbed drainage channel to the sediment pond. Gully stabilization is recommended for compliance with UMC 817.45 and 817.47.

5. Determine the constitution and use of the sticky, white substance to be cleaned up along the west side of the main access road just north of the southern sediment pond. Measures should be implemented as required by UMC 817.89(a) to fully contain the total volume of this substance if continued use is prospected.

Hardscrabble Canyon

1. The sediment pond just below the refuse pile and material storage area (Goose Island) needs repair at the inlet as required by UMC 817.45 and 817.49(c).
2. The ephemeral stream diversion at Braztah #4 requires repair for compliance under UMC 817.43(c), (d) and (f) and UMC 817.44 (as amended November 19, 1980).
3. Disturbed area drainage should be controlled where spools are stored alongside the drainage northeast of the fan to comply with UMC 817.42(a) and 817.45.
4. Repair of the berm along the undisturbed drainage diversion aside the parking area should be instigated. It is recommended that a more permanent structure be constructed to prevent violations under UMC 817.42(a)(1), 817.43, 817.44 and 817.45.
5. Equipment and materials stored along the road outside of the mine permit area should be removed to comply with UMC 771.19 and 40-10-18(2)(g) of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953.

Sowbelly Canyon

1. To minimize erosion on the road to the water tank, installation of a culvert was discussed. Prior to culvert installation, plans should be submitted to the Division in accordance with UMC 817.43.
2. Maintenance of the access road to the #5 portal fan is required for compliance with UMC 817.175.

Crandall Canyon

1. A berm around the oil, gas and water storage tanks and the surrounding pad is required for compliance under UMC 817.42(a)(1) and should be included in the design section of the Spillage Containment Contingency Plan (SPCC) required by the EPA's oil pollution prevention regulations (Title 40, Chapter 1, Part 1-12).

Please be informed that this letter is to be regarded as a warning and failure to meet all of the above-listed requirements by August 29, 1981, will warrant violations under the sections cited, subject to a knowing and intentional negligence penalty.

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I notified Tom Tetting of PRCC's plans to drill three eight-inch diameter holes within the mine permit area, to monitor and extinguish fires in sections of the #5 mine. He wanted to inform you that DOGM and USGS have just formulated a jurisdictional understanding, yesterday (August 4, 1981), and you are to contact the USGS for the necessary requirements for all drilling and exploration activities. He requested that you send a copy of your correspondence to DOGM.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or the above-listed requirements, please contact Rex Fidler or Sandy Pruitt of the Division.

Sincerely,

SANDY PRUITT
RECLAMATION OFFICER

Rex C Fidler

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Inspection Staff

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