

June 7, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Price River Coal Company
Price River Coal Complex
ACT/007/004
Folder No. 7
Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned minesite by Barton Kale of the Division on May 20, 1983. The purpose of the inspection was the continued familiarization of the area as well as addressing unresolved concerns of the previous inspector. The inspector was accompanied by Rob Wiley of Price River Coal Company (PRCC).

The Willow Creek area was toured with no immediate problems evident. Sediment controls are crude but appear to be effective. The area is used as materials storage only so traffic is limited.

As referenced in the April 20, 1983 memo by David Lof, the practice of pushing snow removal waste from the refuse pile access road onto the downslope of the previously undisturbed hillside was halted in March. The refuse pile waste from the melted snow remains on the hillside to this date. The situation is being studied, more specifically how the refuse relates to undisturbed diversion and approved refuse sites.

Inspection of the Barn Canyon Area revealed that the drainage passes underground and resurfaces about 75 yards later, as it skirts the operation. Some of the area above ground has been used by PRCC on an occasional basis for storage or access. Tests will be conducted to determine if water quality is influenced at all by PRCC. In addition determination will be made by Division technical staff to determine if the drainage can adequately handle a major event. If it is determined that a problem exists then economic alternatives will be sought.



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Statistics:

See Kaiser Steel memo dated June 1, 1983.