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February 15, 1983

Memo to Coal File:

#7
RE: Price River Coal Company
Price River Complex
ACT/007/004
Carbon County, Utah

On December 22, 1982 a partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned minesite by David Lof of the Division. He was accompanied on the inspection by Rob Wiley of Price River Coal Company (PRCC). At the time of the inspection there was approximately 4 inches of new snow on the ground at the minesites.

Sowbelly Canyon

The berm separating the undisturbed drainage from the disturbed area on the west side of warehouse #5 had not been maintained as requested during the November 9th and 10th partial inspection. Mr. Wiley explained that they had not been able to repair the berm because of the amount of snow received since the last inspection. Snow removal operations since the last monthly inspection had resulted in some snow from the disturbed area being placed on the downslopes to the undisturbed channel. During the November inspection I had made a point to remind Mr. Wiley that the snow removal equipment operators should be informed to be careful not to place snow from the disturbed area into the undisturbed channels. This violation was written as part of NOV N82-4-17-2, #2 of 2, which will be discussed in full later in this memo.

Crandall Canyon

The Hilficker wall being constructed at the upper site had been completed and there was no activity taking place at the time of inspection. Cementation was in the process of dismantling the #1 shaft headframe, and the shop and warehouse had already been removed. Another contractor, Lakeshore, was pouring the cement for the foundations for the permanent headframes, hoist and fan at the time of the inspection.

Castlegate Preparation Plant

The small sumps along the Class II road which leads to the preparation plant had been cleaned out as part of the operators continuing maintenance program.

PRCC had received a letter dated November 22, 1982 from State Department of Health granting approval to discharge water from the #3 mine into the Price River. They had also received a November 26, 1982 letter from EPA approving this new discharge point. Mr. Wiley was reminded that prior to discharging at this point that approval was also needed from the Division. Said approval letter was sent to PRCC on December 28, 1982.

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Disturbed area runoff was once again ponding against the berm on the west side of the road which crosses the Barn Canyon undisturbed drainage. The operator was asked to have this water pumped into two small sumps located just to the north of the drainage, the operator was also asked to continue pumping water from this area in order to insure that the berm would not be broken down and disturbed area runoff leave the permit area untreated. On the north side of the new coal stacking tube approximately 15 cubic yards of disturbed area snow from the new coal stacking tube pad was placed in the undisturbed runoff diversion. On the east side of the stacking tube approximately 50 yards of berm separating the disturbed area from the buffer zone along the Price River was destroyed and displaced approximately 30 feet to the edge of the bank above the Price River. Along with the berm some coal and several cubic yards of snow from the disturbed area were on the edge of the bank. In addition another small section of berm which was preventing disturbed area runoff from mixing with water from a broken water main, which was flowing into the Price River, was broken down allowing disturbed area runoff to mix with the undisturbed water and flow into the river. Because of these problems and the problem mentioned at Sowbelly NOV N82-4-17-2, #2 of 2 was issued and reads as follows:

Nature of the Violation

Failure to pass all surface drainage from the disturbed area through a sedimentation pond or a treatment facility prior to leaving the permit area.
Failure to maintain sediment control structures.

Provisions of the Regulations Violated

UMC 817.42 (a)(1) and UMC 817.45.

Portion of Operation to which the Notice Applies

a) Castlegate Preparation Plant

1. Berm west of new coal stacking tube.
2. Undisturbed diversion north of the new coal stacking tube.

b) Sowbelly Canyon

1. Undisturbed diversion on west side of site just south of warehouse #5.

Remedial Action Required

- a) 1. Bring snow, coal and soil materials back away from river and reestablish preexisting berm.
2. Remove disturbed area snow from undisturbed diversion.

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b) 1. Remove disturbed area snow from undisturbed diversion.

Time for Abatement

December 30, 1982.

The operator started the work to abate the violation on December 23, 1982.

At the time of the inspection I also noticed that there were no buffer zone markers posted along the Price River in the area where violation #2 of 2 occurred. Because of this NOV N82-4-17-2, #1 of 2 was issued. It reads as follows:

Nature of Violation

Failure to post buffer zone markers along the stream in order to prevent disturbance of the stream by surface operations and facilities.

Provisions of the Regulations, Act or Permit Violated

UMC 817.11 (a)(1) and (e).

Portion of Operation to which Notice Applies

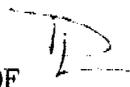
West of the new coal stacking tube pad along the Price River.

Remedial Action Required

Post buffer zone markers as required by the above mentioned regulations and UMC 817.57.

Time for Abatement

January 22, 1982.


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Rob Wiley, PRCC
Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Statistics:

Vehicle: EX #45428 - 366 miles
Per Diem: 1 person x 1 day, 9 hours = \$50.78
Grant: A & E