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TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement
FROM: Ken Wyatt, Mining Field Specialist *KW*
RE: Price River Coal Company, Price River Complex
ACT/0077004 Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection of the above referenced facility was conducted on October 31, 1984 by Ken Wyatt and Sandy Pruitt, Mining Field Specialists for the Division. Mr. Rob Wiley representing Price River Coal Co. accompanied these inspectors in the field. The purpose of this inspection was to promote a smooth transition between inspectors and to refamiliarize this inspector with the Price River facilities. The weather was partly cloudy and cold with intermittent snow showers.

HARDSCRABBLE CANYON

The reclamation work in progress at Goose Island was examined. This work was almost completed at this time. Seed and mulch was being applied at the upper end. Additional earth work was being done along the lower section. Large riprap was observed in the drainage channel. Some additional rip rap placement needs to be done along the sides of the channel. Mr. Wiley indicated that the majority of the work would be completed this week.

A trash rack had been installed at the undisturbed culvert inlet of diversion HC-11 adjacent to sediment pond 008. This had been installed upon request of the former inspector during previous inspections.

The disturbed area drainage system was intact as was the undisturbed diversions. Water was observed in the sediment ponds however no discharge was occurring.

SOWBELLY GULCH

Appropriate sediment controls were adequately maintained at this time. The undisturbed diversions on both sides of the disturbed area were in good shape. All disturbed area drainage is routed into one of three ponds which discharge in series into pond 005 which serves as the final discharge point from the disturbed area.

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CRANDALL CANYON

The leachfield area above Crandall Canyon was examined. Topsoil from this site has been windrowed to the south side and will be replaced on top of the leachfield when completed. Protection consisted of strawbales. Mr. Wiley informed these inspectors that the previous contractor responsible for the installation work had been terminated due to poor quality work. Bids are being accepted for a replacement contractor.

The disturbed area drainage systems in the vicinity of the parking and bathhouse pad needs better definition to promote positive disturbed area drainage into the lower pond. Mr. Wiley stated that this work would be conducted soon.

Along the access road to this facility the road cross culverts were being maintained. Earthen berms were installed above the culvert inlets to serve as headwalls. The need for trash racks on these culvert inlets was discussed with the operator. Future inspections will pursue this matter.

No compliance problems were encountered.

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cc: Donna Griffin, DSM
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Statistics: See Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine
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