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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: X Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: June 18, 1998, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Date of Last Inspection: May 26, 1998

Mine Name: Castle Gate County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/004
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Amax Coal Co.
Business Address: P. O. Drawer PMC, Price, Utah 84501
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Prep. Plant X Other
State Official(s): Paul Baker and Robert Davidson
Company Official(s): Johnny Pappas
Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, 60's
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 7509.5 Disturbed- 61 Regraded- abt. 29 Seeded- abt 29 Bonded- 61
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- 0 Disturbed- 0 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 0
Status: Exploration/Active/Inactive/Temporary Cessation/Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (X Phase I/Phase II/Final Bond Release/Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

Table with 5 columns: Description, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include categories like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING; DRAINAGE CONTROLS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

4. Hydrologic Balance

a. Diversions

The report for the May inspection indicates a portion of the main channel is not as deep as it needs to be. The operator has had an engineer take some cross sections and has furnished him with flow information. He should be able to tell us whether additional work needs to be done. At this time, it appears there are two relatively short sections, about 5-10 feet long each, where water from the channel would overflow.

12. Backfilling and Grading

Grading work is continuing in the No. 3 Mine area. The operator has now uncovered some coal waste that was buried last year in the area of channel HCRD-6. It is intended that this coal waste will be buried at the base of the cliff.

13. Revegetation

We pulled all the dyer's woad we could find in the canyon with the No. 4 Mine and in some other areas, but we didn't get everything. The operator has been attempting to control this weed, but it appears control efforts have been confined to the disturbed area and have not been done on the undisturbed slopes. We found numerous plants on these slopes, and the operator needs to try to control these if there is any hope of eradicating the plants in the disturbed area. Since the population in Hardscrabble Canyon is relatively isolated, eradication should be possible.

Whitetop and musk thistle in Sowbelly Gulch had been sprayed, but it will be necessary to look for musk thistle that was missed.

16. Roads

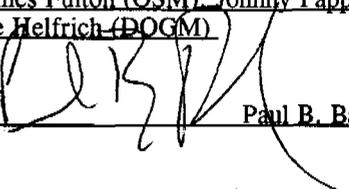
a. Construction/Maintenance/Surfacing

The plan calls for the asphalt road surface to be rubblized and used as base. This is nearly complete, and it appears to be working well.

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Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM), Johnny Pappas (Amax)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: 

Paul B. Baker #41

Date: June 22, 1998