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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete: _ Exploration: _
Inspection Date & Time: June 29, 2000 10:45 AM to 4:45 PM
Date of Last Inspection: May 31, 2000

Mine Name: Castle Gate County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/004
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Castle Gate Holding Company
Business Address: 847 Northwest Highway 191, Helper, Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface _ Prep. Plant _ Other _
State Officials(s): Joe Helfrich
Company Official(s): Vicky Miller
Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: 80 sunny
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 7619 Disturbed- 63 Regraded- 60 Seeded- 60 Bonded- 63
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: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS; 3. TOPSOIL; 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; 5. EXPLOSIVES; 6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; 8. NONCOAL WASTE; 9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; 10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; 11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; 12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING; 13. REVEGETATION; 14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; 15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; 16. ROADS; 17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; 18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; 19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_(May 31, 2000); 20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT; 21. BONDING & INSURANCE.

INSPECTION REPORT
(Continuation sheet)

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

GENERAL COMMENTS

The purpose of this visit was to: conduct a partial inspection, and obtain digital photos and UTM coordinates of the water monitoring locations. Locations inspected were the Hardscrabble and Sowbelly canyons.

4d. WATER MONITORING

Digital photos and UTM coordinates were taken for sites BM 31CG, B32 CG, B 28 CG, B45 CG, B12 CG, and B11 CG as noted on exhibit 7-3.

13. REVEGETATION

Thistle spraying was evident in Sowbelly Gulch. However there was no evidence of a small, (25' diameter) outcrop of whitetop that had occurred in years past.

14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL

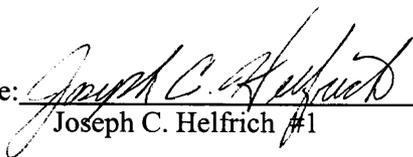
Subsidence monitoring was ongoing at Sowbelly Gulch during the inspection. The monitoring included a small area that had settled after initial reclamation. The area had been reworked a number of years ago and is currently being monitored.

19. AVS INFORMATION

A current AVS listing of officers for the RAG corporate structure were provided to Vicky Miller.

Copy of this Report;

Mailed to: Johnny Pappas (Castle Gate)
James Fulton (OSM)
Given to: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  Date: July 14, 2000
Joseph C. Helfrich #1

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