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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 04/11/2001 / 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Date of Last Inspection: 03/21/2001

Mine Name: Castle Gate Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: C/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 XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Vicky Miller
State Official(s): Joe Helfrich Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Sunny, some clouds, mid to upper 40's
Existing Acreage: Permitted 7619 Disturbed 63 Regraded 60 Seeded 60
Status: Active Reclamation XXX

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 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 categories like PERMITS, SIGNS AND MARKERS, TOPSOIL, HYDROLOGIC BALANCE, etc.

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DATE OF INSPECTION: 4/11/2001

(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The proposal to reclaim the #1 Adit has been completed by Earthfax Engineering Inc. and is under review by Johnny and Vicky. The current plan does contain a reclamation scenario for the adit. However, it did not include changes to the final configuration of the drainage control structures and associated topography. Digital photos of the #1 adit and associated disturbed area were taken for future reference in reviewing the reclamation proposal.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

Some minor vandalism had recently occurred at the entrance to the Hardscrabble reclaimed area. The sign and several of the boulders on either side of the gate had been spray painted, and the lock plate had been cut off allowing access to the area.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

In the previous inspection report, I stated that "Surface roughening, vegetation, diversions, and water bars are the sediment controls for the Hardscrabble and Sowbelly reclaimed sites. Snow melt is just getting started. Vicky and Johnny planned to attempt to get samples from these sites in the next day or so." At that time, snow melt from the reclaimed area was entering the main channel at the gate. It appeared to me as though a sample could have been taken by digging under the snow in the channel. As of the date of this inspection there had not been any samples taken and the snow melt had pretty much run it's course. I mentioned to Vicky that, in the past, the Division, in some cases, has required post-reclamation sampling as means of measuring off-site impacts and sediment yield to obtain final bond release.

16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

There is a frontage road used by the county that was previously accessed by traveling through the #1 adit disturbed area. According to Vicky, the county has opted to gain access to the road just below the proposed reclaimed area. This would provide for better overall reclamation of the site.

Inspector's Signature: _____

Joseph C. Helfrich
Joseph C. Helfrich #1

Date: April 12, 2001

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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cc: James Fulton, OSM
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