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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: _____ Complete: XXX Exploration: _____
Inspection Date & Time: 09/12/2001 / 09:00 am to 2:00 pm
Date of Last Inspection: 08/28/2001

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, Mike Suflita Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: clear, sunny, 75
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.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4 th Quarter- April, May, June)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a complete inspection of the Castle Gate facilities. The permit was renewed December 24, 1999. There are two amendments pending, 01B, the reclamation of the #1 Adit, the response from the operator is due on September 14, 2001; and 01C, the revisions to the water monitoring plan that is under review.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

Signs containing the required information were posted at access points to the facilities. The sign at the entrance to Sowbelly Canyon will eventually need to be replaced as it has been the subject of considerable target practice.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The sediment control structures were in good repair and were functioning properly at all of the Castle Gate facilities.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

There is only one sediment pond for the Castle Gate facility located at the #1 Adit. The pond was inspected for the second quarter of 2001 on May 31st. The pond was reported as being stable, showing no hazards or signs of erosion. During this inspection, the pond and associated structures were in good repair and were functioning properly.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

Surface roughening, vegetation, diversions, and water bars are the sediment controls for the Hardscrabble and Sowbelly reclaimed sites. The vegetation at Sowbelly and Hardscrabble is being evaluated for phase II bond release. In an e-mail to Johnny on 3/19/2001 from Paul Baker, Paul reminded Johnny that, in addition to the vegetation requirements, he would have to demonstrate that water coming off the reclaimed area would meet effluent limitations.

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4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The second quarter 2001 monitoring data (entered electronically) was reviewed by the undersigned and Mike Suflita. Hard copies of the data for sites BM-30, BM-31, and B-32 were also reviewed. Sites B11, 12, 28, and 45 were reported as dry.

<i>SITE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>FREQUENCY</i>	<i>DATE SAMPLED</i>
<i>B12</i>	<i>Hardscrabble Upper</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>Dry, 08/28</i>
<i>B11</i>	<i>Hardscrabble Lower</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>Dry, 08/28</i>
<i>B28</i>	<i>Sowbelly Upper</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>Dry, 08/28</i>
<i>B45</i>	<i>Sowbelly Lower</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>Dry, 08/28</i>
<i>BM30</i>	<i>#1 Adit Mine discharge</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>07/17</i>
<i>BM31</i>	<i>Old Portal near Mutual Spring</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>07/17</i>
<i>B32</i>	<i>Gravel Springs</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>07/17</i>
<i>020</i>	<i>Castle Gate Adit Sed Pond</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>04,05,06,07 no discharge</i>

4E. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

The DMRs at the #1 adit indicated no discharge for April, May, June, and July , 2001.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

The surety bond is currently set at \$601,333.00 and the Certificate of Insurance is current through June 30, 2002.

Inspector's Signature: 
Joseph C. Helfrich #1

Date: September 13, 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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