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# Inspection Report

Permit Number:	<b>C0070004</b>
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Thursday, March 03, 2005
Start Date/Time:	3/3/2005 9:30:00 AM
End Date/Time:	3/3/2005 11:30:00 AM
Last Inspection:	Tuesday, February 01, 2005

Inspector: Jerriann Ernstsens, Environmental Scientist II

Weather: sunny 50 degrees

InspectionID Report Number: 551

Accepted by: pgrubaug  
 3/25/2005

Permittee: **CASTLE GATE HOLDING CO**  
 Operator: **CASTLE GATE HOLDING CO**  
 Site: **CASTLE GATE MINE**  
 Address: **PO BOX 30, HELPER UT 84526-0030**  
 County: **CARBON**  
 Permit Type: **PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM**  
 Permit Status: **ACTIVE**

**Current Acreages**

7,619.00	<b>Total Permitted</b>
63.00	<b>Total Disturbed</b>
29.20	<b>Phase I</b>
18.20	<b>Phase II</b>
	<b>Phase III</b>

**Mineral Ownership**

- Federal
- State
- County
- Fee
- Other

**Types of Operations**

- Underground
- Surface
- Loadout
- Processing
- Reprocessing

**Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:**

The purpose of this site visit was to conduct a partial inspection of the Castle Gate facilities. Only the Adit was accessible. Hardscrabble and Sowbelly had too much ice, snow, and mud on the road to reach these sites.

No compliance issues were noted.

**Inspector's Signature**

**Date** Monday, March 07, 2005

Jerriann Ernstsens, Environmental Scientist II  
 Inspector ID Number: 52

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

**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 Not Applicable.
  - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference 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, Divison Orders, and amendments.

	Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Explosives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Slides and Other Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Contemporaneous Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Backfilling And Grading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Subsidence Control	<input 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.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.b Roads: Drainage Controls	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS Check	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Air Quality Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Bonding and Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale**

The permittee submitted the responses (on Jan. 31, 05) to the TA concerning phase one bond release for the substations in Hardscrabble and Sowbelly canyons. On December 16, DOGM sent the deficiency letter and TA. Response is due by 3/1/05. The permit was renewed December 24, 2004 and is current through December 2009.

## **2. Signs and Markers**

Signs containing the required information were posted at access points to the reclaimed area at the Adit. Did not look for signs at Sowbelly or Hardscrabble.

### **4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions**

Adit: Channel was beginning to flow, most of channel was not snow covered. South facing slopes were void of snow, but very wet. North side is still mostly snow covered.

### **4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures**

Surface roughening, vegetation, diversions, and water bars are the sediment controls for the reclaimed areas. At the Adit, fabric helps control erosion.

### **4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring**

Water monitoring for the first quarter of 2005 was completed on Feb. 3, 2005. All locations were dry, sites B11, 12, 28, and 45.

## **9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues**

Adit: deer tracks were observed.

## **13. Revegetation**

Adit: no signs of new growth on south facing slope. Did not enter the site because soil was too soft.