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# **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:	C0070004
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Wednesday, April 27, 2005
Start Date/Time:	4/27/2005
End Date/Time:	4/28/2005
Last Inspection:	Tuesday, March 29, 2005

Inspector: Jerriann Ernstsen, Environmental Scientist II

Weather: 60 degrees & rainy
InspectionID Report Number: 596

Accepted by: whedberg

5/5/2005

Permitee: 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

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

## Mineral Ownership Types of Operations

<b>✓</b>	Federal	<b>✓</b>	Underground
✓	State		Surface
	County	<b>✓</b>	Loadout
<b>~</b>	Fee	<b>~</b>	Processing
	Other		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. The Adit was accessible, but not Hardscrabble or Sowbelly (rain made the roads inaccessible).

No compliance issues were noted.

Inspector's Signature

Date

Tuesday, April 05, 2005

Jerriann Ernstsen, 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.

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#### 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.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
   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				
2.	Signs and Markers	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
3.	Topsoil		<b>✓</b>		
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<b>~</b>		<b>✓</b>	
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments		<b>V</b>		
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures				
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<b>~</b>		<b>✓</b>	
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations		<b>✓</b>		
5.	Explosives		<b>✓</b>		
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches		<b>✓</b>		
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments		<b>✓</b>		
8.	Noncoal Waste	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation		<b>✓</b>		
12.	Backfilling And Grading		<b>✓</b>		
13.	Revegetation	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations		<b>✓</b>		
16.	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.	o Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities		<b>✓</b>		
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations		<b>✓</b>		
19.	AVS Check		<b>✓</b>		
20.	Air Quality Permit		<b>✓</b>		
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other				

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#### 2. Signs and Markers

Adit: Signs containing the required information were posted at access points to the reclaimed area.

#### 4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions

Adit: Channel was flowing (~1-5 gal/min); channel is no longer snow covered. South and north facing slopes were void of snow, but very wet.

# 4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

Water monitoring was completed on March 15, 2005. No access for sites B11, 12, 28, and 45.

## 8. Noncoal Waste

Adit: There is garbage building up along the margin of the property from people leaving their trash.

## 10. Slides and Other Damage

Adit: There are two "sink holes" that are increasing in size from the last visit. The holes were baskeball size on 3/29 and now are about 2' in diameter. In the eastern hole, there is a smaller hole that extends down to an undetermined depth. The holes are 30-50' southeast from where the channel ends at the culvert leading to the road. The Division contacted the Permitte by phone on 4/28 letting him know of the increase in size.

#### 13. Revegetation

Adit: Four-wing have broken bud on many of the plants near the road. There are a few plants, however, that appear dead. The cambium layer is thin, so difficult to determine at this time. The Permittee may want to keep an eye on this species, since it is the primary shrub at this time.