

March 12, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: Sandy Pruitt, Mining Field Specialist *SP*
RE: Skyline Mine, Utah Fuel Company, ACT/007/005, Folder #7,
Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection of the Skyline Mine was conducted by Sandy Pruitt, accompanied by Keith Zobell, and Keith Welch on February 26, 1985 following a prolonged discussion of a DOGM deficiency letter dated February 26, 1985, regarding the abatement plans to NOV #2 of 3 N84-2-24-3. In conclusion to this discussion on reasons why the deficiencies need to be addressed and the type information needed, Utah Fuel agreed to try and meet a March 13, 1985 deadline. A two week time frame was all that could be allowed for response since March 13, 1985 is the 90th day of the abatement time frame. Snow was being removed from the section of Utah Fuel's railroad spur along the load out area. Rail ties were being stored adjacent to the permit area which is marked by blue fence posts. A worker on site mentioned that the loadout may be completed and operational within about four months.

Drainage control at the open coal storage area on the #1 mine pad appeared adequate. A drainage culvert was installed under the stockpile area as required and runoff flowed toward the drainage control swales as designed. The drainage control swales were nearly nonexistent, being filled in with gravel and ice. The surface grade established provided adequate drainage control for the snow melt runoff occurring. Drainage ditches will be established along the swales to provide additional runoff controls as necessary. Due to ice accumulations on the pad surfaces these swales cannot be completely uncovered because a large ditch is created which vehicles can get stuck in. Until the ice on the surface and in the swales melts off or loosens up more, the swales cannot be maintained to design no additional maintenance of surface grades and temporary ditches will be necessary.

The UDOT road drainage ditches are buried in snow and ice and due to the surface grade established by plowing the highway. UDOT road drainage will flow into the mine area drainage controls and toward the mine sediment pond. Utah Fuel must attempt to divert this highway drainage away from the sediment pond which is not sufficiently sized for the additional runoff.

At the time of this inspection, runoff was flowing into the mine sediment pond at all. Mine water was being discharged into the pond also. Samples of runoff inflow at the middle inlet to the sediment pond, mine discharge and sediment pond discharge were taken for a comparison in review of the sediment pond designs.

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No violations were warranted as a result of the inspection observations noted above.

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Statistics: Wilberg Mine memo dated March 7, 1985

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