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**INSPECTION REPORT**

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: 03/31/87  
2:00 - 4:00

Permittee and/or Operators Name: Utah Fuel Company  
Business Address: P.O. Box 719, Helper, UT 84527  
Mine Name: Skyline Mine Permit Number: ACT/007/005  
Type of Mining Activity: Underground  Surface  Other   
County: Carbon  
Company Official (s): Keith Zobell  
State Official(s): James Leatherwood  
Partial:  XX Complete:  Date of Last Inspection: 02/19/87  
Weather Conditions: clear and mild  
Acreage: Permitted 4834 Disturbed 75.9 Regraded  Seeded  Bonded 75.9  
Enforcement Action: None

**COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	( X )	( )	( )	( )
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	( )	( )	( )	( )
3. TOPSOIL	( X )	( )	( )	( )
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )
b. DIVERSIONS	( X )	( )	( )	( X )
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	( X )	( )	( )	( )
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	( )	( )	( )	( )
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	( )	( )	( )	( )
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )
5. EXPLOSIVES	( )	( )	( )	( )
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND SPOIL	( )	( )	( )	( )
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	( )	( )	( )	( )
8. NONCOAL WASTE	( )	( )	( )	( )
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	( )	( )	( )	( )
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	( )	( )	( )	( )
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	( X )	( )	( )	( X )
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	( )	( )	( )	( )
13. REVEGETATION	( )	( )	( )	( )
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	( )	( )	( )	( )
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	( )	( )	( )	( )
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	( X )	( )	( )	( )
c. SURFACING	( )	( )	( )	( )
d. MAINTENANCE	( )	( )	( )	( )
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	( )	( )	( )	( )
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

4.b. Diversions:

Slush, snow, and ice has temporarily blocked and filled in many of the ditches and culverts. Due to frozen ground conditions, the operator could not alleviate this potential problem. All runoff was being diverted to the sediment ponds through temporary drainages. The operator stated that the ditches and culverts would be cleared during thawed conditions.

11. Contemporaneous Reclamation:

Contemporaneous revegetation efforts on the steep slopes along the conveyer route site have not been able to meet acceptable revegetation cover standards. Mr. Zobell stated that gypsum blocks buried at various depths within the slopes are indicating permanent wilting point moisture conditions within the top two inches of soil during the greater part of the growing season. The gypsum blocks indicate adequate water supplies at a nine inch depth. Mr. Zobell stated that the seedlings obtain water from the surface soils for a limited period of time. Because of the southern exposure, the soil dries out quickly, leaving the seedlings without an adequate moisture supply. Mr. Zobell will be planting root stalks at a deeper depth this year. The deeper planting will optimize the root contact within the zone of adequate moisture supply.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Keith Zobell

Given to: Joe Helfrich, Sue Linner

Inspectors Signature and Number: *Jam Zobell* #16 Date: 04/07/87