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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: February 19, 1987  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Permittee and/or Operators Name: Utah Fuel Company  
Business Address: P.O. Box 719, Helper, Utah 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): Dave Lof and Randy Harden  
Partial:  Complete:  Date of Last Inspection: 1/22/87  
Weather Conditions: Cold, Partially Cloudy, Snow Cover - 18 inches  
Acreage: Permitted 4,834 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 )	( )	( )	( X )
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	( X )	( )	( )	( )
3. TOPSOIL	( X )	( )	( )	( )
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	( X )	( )	( )	( )
b. DIVERSIONS	( X )	( )	( )	( X )
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	( X )	( )	( )	( )
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	( X )	( )	( )	( )
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	( X )	( )	( )	( )
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	( X )	( )	( )	( X )
5. EXPLOSIVES	( )	( )	( X )	( )
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND SPOIL	( X )	( )	( )	( )
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	( )	( )	( X )	( )
8. NONCOAL WASTE	( X )	( )	( )	( )
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	( X )	( )	( )	( )
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	( X )	( )	( )	( )
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	( )	( )	( X )	( )
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	( )	( )	( X )	( )
13. REVEGETATION	( )	( )	( X )	( )
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	( X )	( )	( )	( )
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	( )	( )	( X )	( )
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	( X )	( )	( )	( )
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	( X )	( )	( )	( X )
c. SURFACING	( X )	( )	( )	( )
d. MAINTENANCE	( X )	( )	( )	( X )
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	( X )	( )	( )	( )
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	( X )	( )	( )	( X )

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1. PERMITS The Skyline Mine is currently in the process of submitting an up-to-date mining plan for the next five year permit term. Submittal of this plan is expected on February 27, 1987. Due to underground mining conditions, the Skyline Mine had requested an emergency lease in order to maximize coal recovery. The additional lease area was intended to allow for the extension of longwall panels at the north end of the property and thereby increase coal recovery. Delays in obtaining this lease area and the current required bid for the BLM lease has prevented the operator from incorporating this area into the Mining and Reclamation Plan. The operator has excluded this lease area from the MRP until such time as settlement for the lease is negotiated with the BLM.

Bidding is currently under way for the construction of belt conveyor BC-4 at the mine facilities area. The operator commented that the current schedule for completion of the construction is May 1, 1987. This construction is also concurrent with the planned startup of Mine #1, which is also scheduled to begin production on May 1, 1987.

4.b. DIVERSIONS In accordance with the USFS, the Operator is in the process of establishing a drainage channel on the south side of the Middle Fork. It was noted that the coal pile had been placed across the entire pad and up both sides of the canyon, as approved by DOGM. The USFS, however, had requested that one side of the channel be left open. In the event of a major storm or blocked culverts which divert undisturbed waters from the upper reaches of the canyon, the diversion channel will prevent impoundment of the water behind the coal stockpile.

4.f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS Sample results from effluent samples taken since the previous inspection were requested. The Operator provided water sample analysis which were updated through the end on 1986. The sampling data appeared to be within the required limitations. Due to the high volume of coal analysis being accomplished by their lab, approval as a state certified lab had not been completed.

Inspectors Signature and Number:

*Paul H. Hender* #13

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16.b and d. ROAD DRAINAGE CONTROLS and MAINTENANCE Coal stockpiled to the west of the mine offices had been placed at an elevation greater than the adjacent state road. The operator had developed access from the state road to the coal which could potentially allow drainage off of the coal and onto the state road. The operator was informed of the potential situation and he indicated that immediate action would be taken to alleviate the potential problem.

Snow berms developed on the haulage road (state road) from the loadout to the mine had developed. The operator was informed that the state normally does not allow the development of such berms during snow removal. Since the operator is partially responsible for snow removal on the state road, the operator was requested to push the berms over the embankments to allow for proper snowmelt runoff drainage off of the road.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES Slush and snow at the entrance to the mine office and warehouse facilities area has temporarily blocked and filled in the ditches and culverts. Due to frozen ground conditions, the operator could not effectively alleviate this potential problem. The operator did indicate that during thawing conditions, that the ditches and culverts would be properly tended to and adequate drainage control maintained. Additionally, a swale at the entrance to the mine office facilities exists which will prevent drainage from flowing outside of the disturbed area.

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Mailed to: Donna Griffith - OSM Keith Zobell - Utah Fuel

Given to: Sue Linner and Joe Helfrich - DOGM

Inspectors Signature and Number:

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