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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: June 28 & 29,1988
9a.m. to 4p.m. and 8a.m. to 6p.m.

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 XXX Surface ____ Other ____
County: Carbon
Company Official (s): Keith Zobell and Bill Shriver
State Official(s): Harold G. Sandbeck and Bill Warmack
Partial: XXX Complete: ____ Date of Last Inspection: May 11 & 12, 1988
Weather Conditions: 1st day cloudy and raining; 2nd day clear and cool
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	(XX)	( )	( )	(XX)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	(XX)	( )	( )	(XX)
3. TOPSOIL	(XX)	( )	( )	(XX)
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )
b. DIVERSIONS	(XX)	( )	( )	(XX)
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	(XX)	( )	( )	(XX)
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(XX)	( )	( )	(XX)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	(XX)	( )	( )	(XX)
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	( )	( )	( )	( )
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	( )	( )	( )	( )
13. REVEGETATION	(XX)	( )	( )	(XX)
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	( )	( )	( )	( )
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	( )	( )	( )	( )
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	( )	( )	( )	( )
c. SURFACING	( )	( )	( )	( )
d. MAINTENANCE	( )	( )	( )	( )
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	( )	( )	( )	( )
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )

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General Comments.

This oversight inspection was conducted with Keith Zobell (Utah Fuel), Bill Shriver (Utah Fuel), Bill Warmack (DOGM), Rade Orell (OSM Inspector) and the undersigned inspector. Bill Shriver and Keith Zobell were professional and cooperative in both the office and field segments of this inspection. The records were well organized, accurate and complete. A plugged ditch was cleared on site negating a violation. Ground conditions were wet on June 28 and semi-dry on June 29.

1. Permits. The SPCC plan has been revised to take into account the new EPA rules regarding buried tanks. No problems were noted. The bond amount is $1,850,500.00 and the companies insurance expires on December 31, 1988.

Five Year Renewal Issues

Rade Orell had a number of concerns with the MRP. These concerns have been and will be addressed in the five year permit renewal. Following are his concerns:

* No designed ditches on the mine site and uncontrolled discharge in certain areas.

* Small area exemptions (SAE) not in permit.

* The embankments and inlets of Pond 001. Specifically, the southern rock ledge embankment needs to be addressed regarding embankment protection and the southwestern inlet needs to be identified on the appropriate maps.

* Status of the road leading into the waste rock area.

* Upstream drainage of the waste rock area. Rade Orell mentioned that the 1984 TA (See approval letter 7/24/84) does not adequately address this drainage issue (Specifically, 817.71 - 817.74 does not apply).

2. Signs and Markers. The operator was informed to install additional disturbed markers around the waste rock site.

3. Topsoil. As mentioned in the May 11 & 12, 1988 inspection report, erosion protection has been provided on the south side of the topsoil stockpile located in the North Fork of Eccles Creek. The area has been repaired and seeded.

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4. Hydrologic Balance:

b. Diversions. The operator was informed of a potential NOV regarding a recently plugged ditch. The ditch location is north of the coal pile in the south fork area. The ditch was cleaned and reinspected. No violation is warranted at this time.

c. Sediments Ponds and Impoundments. Pond 002 will be repaired as soon as the pond dries out. Please refer to the May 11 & 12, 1988 inspection report for additional information. The mine site has received precipitation since the last inspection.

d. Other Sediment Control Measures. As mentioned in the May 11 & 12, 1988 inspection report, the straw bales near the french drain in the North Fork of Eccles Creek have been repaired/replaced.

e. Surface and Groundwater Monitoring. The water quality records were checked and no problems were noted. The operator intends to improve the record keeping procedure by incorporating the following information: stating the frequency of each station and stating which points were inaccessible.

13. Revegetation. The slope north of the coal stockpile (south facing slope) in Middle Fork Canyon contains two (2) small areas of dead grass. Not all the grass in the two areas appear affected. Lynn Kunzler (DOGM Biologist) will be informed of this concern. The operator mentioned that the pacific grass june bug may be responsible.

Copy of this Report:
Mailed to: Keith Zobell (Utah Fuel) and Brian Smith (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich & Sue Linner - DOGM

Inspectors Signature and Number: Harold D. Hanna #27 Date: July 11, 1988

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