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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: February 23, 1988
10:30 am to 2:00 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): Bill Schriver
State Official(s): Randy Harden & Harold Sandbeck
Partial: Complete: Date of Last Inspection: January 29, 1988
Weather Conditions: Cool, sunny, snowmelt occurring on site.
Acreage: Permitted 4,834 Disturbed 75.9 Regraded Seeded Bonded 75.9
Enforcement Action: None.

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
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)	()	()	(X)
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	()	()	(X)	()
8. NONCOAL WASTE	(X)	()	()	(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)	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	(X)	()	()	()
d. MAINTENANCE	(X)	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	(X)	()	()	(X)
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	(X)	()	()	()

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1. PERMITS

Costal States is currently under review for their Five Year Permit renewal. Until such time that the Divsision can determine the new submittal to be complete and adequate, the terms and the conditions under the prior permit shall remain in force and current with the Division.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

4.b. DIVERSIONS

Snow melt was occurring on site at the time of the inspection. Due to frozen condition of the ditches and portions of the pads, some of the ditches were unable to function as intended. The operator has provided temporary ditches and diversions within the disturbed areas in order to maintain drainage to the sediment pond during this period. The operator is considered to be in compliance with regard to the requirements of this section.

4.f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

Discharge samples of the mine facilities sediment pond were taken at the time of the inspection. Results from those samples were not available at the time of this report.

TDS values for the mine facilities sediment pond have been in excess of NPDES limitations during the past quarter. The operator has sent letters informing State Health with copies of the letters to DOGM in accordance with the requirements of their NPDES permit. The operator has requested to State Health that the TDS limitation be increased from 700 to 850 mg/l. The NPDES permit for the Skyline Mine Expired on June 30, 1987. Due to the backlog of permits and submittals at the State Department of Health, Skyline has been unable to receive a renewed permit.

6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND SPOIL

Due to thawing grownd and snowmelt conditions, the rock waste disposal facility was not observed during the inspection. Equipment access to the site was considered to be difficult at the time of the inspection and the potential for damage to the road under the existing conditions did not warant visitation to the waste rock disposal site. The operator did indicate that the site has been maintained in accordance with the requirements of the MRP.

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8. NONCOAL WASTE

Temporary noncoal waste storage facilities are located to the southwest of the mine office building. Noncoal waste is placed along a retaining wall and segregated into appropriate types of material (metal, wood, etc.). A large trash storage bin is used to collect the garbage and rubbish. The noncoal waste facilities were found to be well kept and operated in accordance with the requirements of the permit.

17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

The jersey barriers installed at the unit train loadout facilities were found to be providing excellent control of snow melt across the fill of the haul road entering into the dump loop. This modification appears to be a significant improvement over the earthen berms and the ditches which were previously used in that location.

Disturbed area water was flowing into the unit train loadout sediment pond. Runoff into the pond had only begun this week and the pond was only approximately 10% full. No discharge from the pond has occurred since last fall.

No permit or compliance problems were found within the unit train facilities.

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Inspectors Signature and Number: #13



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