



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: XX Exploration

Inspection Date/Time: June 24, 1993/08:30am-01:30pm

Date of Last Inspection: May 19, 1993

Mine Name: Skyline Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/005
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Coastal States Energy/Utah Fuel
Business Address: P. O. Box 719, Helper, UT 84527
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Officials(s): State: Stephen J. Demczak Company: Carl Winters
Federal Official(s): Weather Conditions: Warm 70's
Existing Acres: Permitted-7067.11 Disturbed-62.08 Regraded-Seeded- Bonded-62.41
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
Status: Exploration/ X Active/ Inactive/ Temp Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

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Instructions

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

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Table with 4 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June); AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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1. Permit -

- a) Division Order 92-C regarding the MRP deficiency has been submitted to DOGM and is under review.
- b) The first quarter sediment ponds were inspected on 3/30/93 and no problems were noted. The refuse pile pond was not accessible due to snow fall and the road had not been cleared off. Snow accumulation was in excess of 5 ft.
- c) Refuse pile was not accessible due to 5 ft. of snow. The refuse pile is located by the sediment which also was not accessible.
- d) The reclamation agreement was signed by the permittee and the Division Director. The new agreement has set the bond amount to \$3,180,000.
- e) Insurance has been renewed by Flat Top and expires 12-31-93. The accord is in compliance with regulation.
- f) The sediment pond at the mine site has exceeded the TDS limit of their NPDES permit. The limit is 1000 mg/l. April, May and June all exceeded the limit. April was 1053 mg/l, May was 1075 mg/l, and June was 1088 mg/l, but some additional samples were in compliance. Dept. of Water Quality may raise the TDS limit for a short period of time for Skyline to come into compliance with the permit.

4a. Diversions -

The diversions throughout the property were cleaned prior to the inspection. The ditch by the main truck loadout facility at the coal yard could still use some maintenance.

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4b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments -

The upper sediment pond is going to be cleaned out and the material will be transported and stored under ground. Ponds were performing as designed and no performance standard violations were noted.

7. Refuse Piles -

The refuse pile was being used at the time of inspection. A careful watch is needed for the removal of non-coal waste from the pile. The operator was in the process of removing non-coal waste before compaction.

19. AVS Check -

An AVS check has been taken at the mine site. There have been changes in ownership and control.

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Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: July 7, 1993

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