



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: XXX Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 9/24/96 / 7:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 8/22/96

Mine Name: Skyline Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/005
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Utah Fuel Company
Business Address: P.O. Box 719, Helper, Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Keith Zobell
State Officials(s): Stephen J. Demczak Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, 60's
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 7067.11 Disturbed- 62.08 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 65.38
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
Status: Exploration/ XXX Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I/Phase II/Final Bond Release/Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

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.

Table with 5 columns: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; etc.



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1. PERMIT -

- a) The sediment ponds were inspected for third quarter on September 9, 1996. There was no report of any hazardous conditions. The mine site pond was the only sediment pond discharging water. This sediment pond was cleaned out in August and the first water sample after the clean out had a high TSS level of 60mg/l. This was caused by the cleaning out of the pond. The operator had added a flocculent to the pond during this clean out process. But it takes a period of time before the agent reduces the TSS level. The second sample was in compliance with the NPDES permit having a 23 mg/l of TSS. A third sample showed a further reduction of TSS to 9 mg/l. The non-compliance level was reported to the Division of Oil Gas and Mining and the Division of Water Quality as required. The Division will take a water sample to insure that the TSS level is in compliance on October 7, 1996. The railroad loadout pond is scheduled for clean out in the fall. The pond does contain water but was not discharging during the inspection.
- b) The refuse pile was inspected for third quarter on July 11, 1996 with no hazardous conditions being reported. This report was P.E. certified.
- c) The insurance record form was inspected and expires on March 16, 1997. The record form meets the requirements of the R645 regulations.
- d) The SPCC plan was reviewed by a P.E. on March 6, 1995.
- e) The water monitoring report for first quarter was reviewed with all requirements being met.

4A. DIVERSIONS -

The diversions were spot-checked and several ditches at the railroad loadout had small amounts of sediment within the ditch. The permittee has committed to clean-out the diversions. The permittee also has plans to install a couple of sediment traps within the diversions to catch sediment before it enters the sediment pond.

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4C. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES -

The permittee will be submitting an amendment for sediment control at the refuse pile for snow removal, since it maybe necessary to ship refuse from the mine to the pile in the winter. The operator will also be submitting an amendment for small area exemptions on the pump houses using gravel around the building. This method is used in many sub-stations. Presently straw bales are around the building. Animals and hunters use the straw bales and this becomes a maintenance nightmare.

7. REFUSE PILES -

The refuse pile was inspected within no hazardous conditions being noticed. The piles showed no signs of non-coal waste material lying within the refuse.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Utah Fuel Company Marcia Petta (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: October 3, 1996

Inspector's Signature:  #39
Stephen J. Demczak