



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 4/9/97 / 7:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 3/24/97

Mine Name: Skyline Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/005
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Canyon 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, Snow Covered
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.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____ (date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

4B. SEDIMENT PONDS -

The sediment ponds at Skyline were inspected and no hazardous conditions were noticed at the time of the inspection. The mine site pond was the only pond that was discharging during the inspection. This pond complied with its NPDES permit for March. The rail-road loadout sediment pond was not discharging during the inspection, but most likely will this spring. The refuse pond did contain water but it is not likely to discharge this spring.

4C. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES -

The permittee has performed maintenance of several silt fences so far this year. As the snow melts and uncovers the silt fences, the permittee has so far fixed and repaired these fences.

The permittee may change its alternate sediment control measures to use gravel instead of straw bales. An amendment will need to be submitted and reviewed in Salt Lake City by a Hydrologist.

10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE -

The permittee has contacted the Price Field Office and advised the lead inspector of the mine that a slide had taken place on the refuse pile. Enclosed is also a letter which talks about the slide from the permittee. An inspection was made on April 9th one day after the notification. The inspection revealed that a slide had occurred and appeared to be stable and no environmental harm has occurred within or outside the disturbed areas and permit areas. The permittee will have a geotechnical study on the area. This is to determine what caused the slide. MSHA has inspected the slide and has found no hazards and the permittee has permission to use the pile. No violations were issued by state or federal agencies. The area was reclaimed (topsoil and seeded) and the permittee plans to fix and reclaim this area again.

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: Keith Zobell (Canyon Fuel) Henry Austin (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: April 21, 1997

Inspector's Signature:  #39
Stephen J. Demczak



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April 8, 1997

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Re: Notification of slump at Skyline Mine waste rock site.

Dear Mr. Demczak:

This is a written follow-up to our telephone conversation this afternoon in which we notified you of a slump in the gob material at our waste rock site located near Scofield, Utah. Keith ZoBell and I inspected the waste rock site shortly after lunch today to see how much snow was on the ground at the site and to determine the water level in the sediment pond. At this time we saw a major slump in the gob pile just south of the sediment pond. The base of the slump is approximately 250 feet long and the slump extends nearly to the top of the pile. There are vertical scarps 6 to 8 feet in height in the slump. Any runoff resulting from melting snow on the slump will report to the sediment pond so there is no danger of contamination of off-site water. Also the slump is not near any of the roads on-site so there does not appear to be any danger to property or people.

It is our understanding that you will inspect the site tomorrow morning and we will try to determine the cause and develop a plan correct the problem.

If there are any questions please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Barry Barnum