



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: 1/27/99 / 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 12/15/98

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): Chris Hansen
State Officials(s): Stephen J. Demczak Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Snowing, 12" Snow cover, 20'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: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES; WATER MONITORING; EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS; 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; CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING; DRAINAGE CONTROLS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)(date); AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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1. PERMIT-

The permittee has one amendment being process^{ed} at both PFO and SLO; the expansion of the waste rock site at Scofield. It is scheduled to be reviewed February 1, 1999. The permittee will be submitting several amendments in the upcoming months.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS -

Identification signs meet the requirements of the R645 Coal Rules. The perimeter markers were spot-checked and are located around the perimeter of the disturbed areas.

3. TOPSOIL -

The topsoil piles were inspected with no signs of wind or water erosion. These piles are protected by vegetation, straw bales, or silt fences. The permittee has committed to remove thistle from the topsoil site at the mine.

4A. DIVERSIONS -

The diversions were spot-checked and were found to comply with the requirements of the Mining and Reclamation Plan and the R645 Coal Rules performance standards. Sediment has recently been cleaned out of several diversions. No water was running within these diversions during the inspection.

4B. SEDIMENT PONDS -

The sediment pond at the mine site was discharging during the inspection. This was the only sediment pond which was discharging. The other ponds did contain water, the rail site pond may discharge in the spring. There were no signs of any hazardous conditions occurring to the sediment ponds during the inspection.

4C. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES -

Skyline Mine uses straw bales, silt fences, gravel, and berms as its alternate sediment control measures. These areas were spot-inspected and complied with the R645 Coal Rules. Spot checks of these areas were made and no performance standards were violated. The permit will expire on October 1, 1999.

5. EXPLOSIVES -

No explosives were used on the surface for fourth quarter.

7. REFUSE PILE -

It was impossible to inspect the refuse pile due to snow.

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8. NON-COAL WASTE -

The area was clear of non-coal waste material, except for a diversion ditch located at the upper mine site.

14. SUBSIDENCE -

The subsidence map for 1997 was reviewed and is in the annual report. The mine is in the process of compiling new information for 1998 subsidence report.

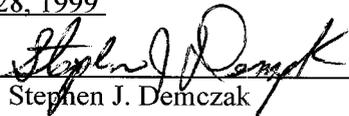
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES -

There were no additional support facilities constructed.

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

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Mailed to: Chris Hansen (Canyon Fuel) Henry Austin (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: January 28, 1999

Inspector's Signature:  #39
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