



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

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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: XX Complete: ___ Exploration: ___
Inspection Date & Time: 4/19/00 10:30am to 3:00 pm
Date of Last Inspection: 03/21/00

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 XX Surface ___ Prep. Plant ___ Other ___
Company Official(s): Gary Taylor, and Chris Hanson
State Officials(s): Mike Suflita Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, cool, & sunny. Much of the snow has melted on the site.
Existing Acreage: Permitted-7067.11 Disturbed-62.08 Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-65.38
Increased/Decreased: Permitted-___ Disturbed-___ Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-___
Status: ___Exploration/ XX 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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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. PERMIT

We discussed revisions to the Reclamation Plan as outlined in the Midterm Review Technical Analysis. This was mainly the use of concave slopes, their location and design. The Operator is willing to incorporate this into the design as long it does not compromise slope stability or covering of highwalls and cut slopes. Another topic was the inclusion in the MRP a description of the minewater discharge analyzer.

Seeding of the embankments in the loadout area will be done this spring. Original plans called for use of Utah State Prison inmates, but the work may have to be done by contractors if the inmates are not available.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

Perimeter markers are now partially visible due to the snow being partly melted.

3. TOPSOIL

Both topsoil piles are still frozen although no longer snow covered. No erosion is evident.

4a. DIVERSIONS

Most of the diversions are now clear of snow. Some remain covered with snow, but water is running beneath the snow and ice. One culvert box was mostly plugged with rocks that had fallen from the steep slope above it. This is located southwest of the coal silo on the lower pad of the main minesite. This needs to be cleaned out immediately since spring runoff will be continuing. Chris Hansen agreed to get it cleaned out immediately.

The ditches that were open from snow had been recently graded and were cleaned out and running freely. Coal fines were spilled near a drainage at the sediment trap above the coal pile in the loadout area. In addition, a small amount of coal was close to spilling outside the pile area in the same location. Chris Hansen agreed to get them both cleaned up immediately.

4b. SEDIMENT PONDS

The main sediment pond was not discharging. The load out sediment pond water level was below the discharge level. The waste rock sediment pond was not inspected since the waste rock pile was not in use and the road was not plowed. The main sediment pond needs cleaning out and this is scheduled for this spring, that is, in the next couple months.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

Throughout the site there is a need for a spring cleanup. As the snow has begun melting numerous scrap materials are revealed on the plowed snow piles. Scrap includes pipe, various sizes and shapes of wood, plastic, and just trash. Chris Hansen agreed to clean up these items. No NOV was issued since these could only come to light with the recent onset of snow melting. The area near the oil and grease storage building was free of any spilled materials.

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16. ROADS

All roads were plowed and in good condition. Some water was running in ditches.

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

Mailed to: Gary Taylor (Canyon Fuel)

Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Daron Haddock (DOGM)

Date: March 30, 2000

Inspector's Signature: _____

Mike Suflita
Mike Suflita # 40

Date April 26, 2000

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