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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: 10/5/2000/ 10:00a.m.-2:20p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 9/28/2000

Mine Name: Skyline Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/005
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Canyon Fuel Company
Business Address: HC 35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Gary Taylor
State Official(s): Steve Demczak Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, Breeze, 60's
Existing Acreage: Permitted 7067.11 Disturbed 62.08 Regraded Seeded
Status: Exploration Active XXX Inactive Temporary Cessation Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I Phase II Final Bond Release Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 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 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 ISSUES; 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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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The Mining and Reclamation Permit was last issued by the Division on April 30, 1997. The expiration date is on April 30, 2002.

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. The mine site pile is protected by vegetation and the waste rock site is protected by straw bales and silt fences.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: 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.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The mine site pond was discharging during the inspection at Skyline. There were no signs of any hazardous conditions occurring to the sediment ponds during the inspection.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: 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 but maintenance is needed to one silt fence located by the main belt line see Photo #1 Slit Fence needing Repair. Permittee has consented to repair the silt fence.

5. EXPLOSIVES

No explosives were used on the surface for second quarter.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

Refuse Pile was inspected and no hazardous conditions noticed.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

The area was clear of non-coal waste material.

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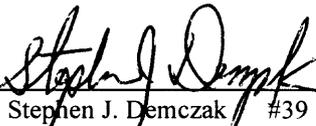
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18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

There were no additional support facilities constructed.

Inspector's Signature: _____


Stephen J. Demczak #39

Date: October 12, 2000

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

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(PHOTOGRAPHS)



Photo #1 Slit Fence needing Repair