

December 1, 1980

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Starpoint Mine
Plateau Mining Company
ACT/007/006
Carbon County, Utah

The above-mentioned mine was given a partial inspection on November 19, 1980. Joe Helfrich, Tom Portle and Sandy Pruitt of the Division, Larry Damrau and Claire Sullivan of OSM met with Ben Grimes, reclamation specialist for Plateau Mining Company, to inspect the revegetation test plots and abatement measures for OSM Violation #6 (80-5-3-12).

The revegetation test plots were required by an Interim Board Order issued on June 27, 1979. The Division directed Plateau Mining Company to establish the test plots by October 31, 1980. The outline for the design of the test plots was submitted to the Division on September 29, 1980, only six days before implementation. Therefore, any modifications requested of the plan would have been received too late for incorporation in the initial development of the study. As required in the Board Order, the revegetation plots will test revegetation techniques, seed mixtures and the need for soil amendments in the reclamation of steep, side-cast slopes resulting from road construction and on the coal refuse pile near the office.

Revegetation plots on the borrow pit area alongside the conveyor will test seed mixture and cultural treatments, including methods of water harvesting. Methods of weed control are tested on a north facing road cut. These additional test plots were not required by the Board.

Dr. Hansen, Manager of Reclamation Services for Native Plants, prepared the study and will evaluate the test plots next summer, reporting the results to the Division and OSM.

OSM Violation #6 (80-5-3-12) was adequately abated with the implementation of extensive culvert extensions and riprapping to the canyon floor to reduce erosion at the outlets of culverts draining the access road.

No violations were issued.

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RECLAMATION OFFICER

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Statistics:

See Bear Creek mem dated November 26, 1980.

cc: Tom Ehmet, OSM