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Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Star Point #1 and 2 Mines
Plateau Mining Company
ACT/007/006

Date: August 13, 1980
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Weather: Fair and warm
Company Officials: Steve Rigby
State Officials: Joe Helfich and Mary Kay Stein
OSM Official: Larry Damrau
Enforcement Actions: State: Notice of Violation #80-1-1(10)
issued August 14, 1980
Federal: Notice of Violation #80-5-3-12(9)
issued August 14, 1980

Compliance with Interim Regulations

717.11 General Obligations

During the inspection, three portions of the surface area affected by the mining operation, which were not addressed within the presently approved mining and reclamation plan, were observed. Federal Violation #1 of Notice of Violation (NOV) #80-5-3-12 was issued to the company for operating without a permit. In reference to the new access road to the Lion Portal. Federal Violation #2 of NOV #80-5-3-12 was issued to the company for operating without a permit. In reference to the borrow pit area adjacent to the conveyor belt system. State Violation #10 of NOV #80-1-1 was issued to the company for operating without a permit in reference to the Mudwater Canyon Fan Portal and entry (3) area.

717.12 Signs and Markers

A violation was written on the last inspection for failure to have proper signs on the access road to the TV tower and Forest Service lands. At the time of this inspection, the sign was still not installed, they were given a day to have the sign up. Joe Helfich talked with the man who installed the sign but due to the weather he could not get up the road to see the sign in person, no violation was written.

717.14 Backfilling and Grading

All surface areas disturbed by the mining operation are still being utilized by the company with the exception of _____ ed as a borrow pit, portions of which should be _____

717.15 Disposal of

Excess road
this mine.

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717.15 Disposal of Excess Rock and Earth Material

Excess rock and earth materials are not deposited on surface areas at this mine.

717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System

During the inspection, several areas were noted to be damaging to the overall hydrologic system. Five sedimentation ponds were recently constructed and seemed to meet regulatory guidelines except for the highwalls. The ponds did not have water in them at the time of the inspection. Federal Violation #3 of NOV #80-5-3-12 was issued for failure to meet effluent limitations. The following violations were issued for failure to pass surface drainage from the disturbed area through sedimentation ponds; Federal Violation 4 of NOV #80-5-3-12 concerning the loadout area of Starpoint #1 Portal; Federal Violation #5 of NOV #80-5-3-12 concerning the Tipple Site area; State Violation #2 of NOV #80-1-1 concerning the pad and associated disturbed areas as a result of fan and portal installation in Mudwater Canyon; State Violation #3 of NOV #80-1-1 concerning the borrow pit area adjacent to new access road.

State Violation #7 of NOV #80-1-1 was issued to the company for failure to monitor all discharge from underground operations. This discharge point is located at Mudwater Canyon.

State Violation #8 of NOV #80-1-1 was issued for failure to monitor ground water as required by the regulatory authority.

The company failed to report water quality data to the Division which resulted in State Violation #9 of NOV #80-1-1 being issued.

Failure to construct access road so as to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids to the streamflow or to runoff outside the permit area resulted in the following violations; Federal Violation #6 of NOV #80-5-3-12 concerning the access road constructed to the Lion Portal; State Violation #1 of NOV #80-1-1 concerning the old access/haul road to the Starpoint #1 portal area and intermediate stockpile area.

717.18 Dams Constructed of or Impounding Waste Materials

No dams are constructed of or impound waste materials at this mine.

717.20 Topsoil Handling and Revegetation

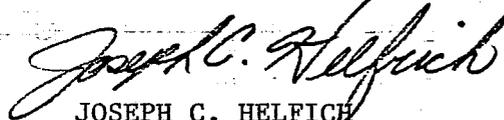
The following violations were issued for failure to segregate, stockpile and protect topsoil; State Violation #4 of NOV #80-1-1 concerning the topsoil stockpile at the switchback adjacent to Lion Portal sedimentation pond; State Violation #5 of NOV #80-1-1 concerning the topsoil pile located adjacent to the Starpoint #1 intermediate coal stockpile sedimentation pond; State Violation #6 of NOV #80-1-1 concerning the diversion structure and sediment pond below active refuse pile; Federal Violation #7 of NOV #80-5-3-12 concerning the diversion structure and sedimentation pond area below the Tipple and old refuse disposal area; Federal Violation #8 of NOV #80-5-3-12 concerning the borrow pit area adjacent to the conveyor belt system; and, Federal Violation #9 of NOV #80-5-3-12 concerning the sedimentation pond above the active refuse disposal area and coal stockpile areas, immediately behind the office.

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Comments

It is noted that the company is having trouble controlling the surface runoff from the disturbed areas as well as interpreting the regulations on topsoil protection matters.

Revegetation maps were observed and the company committed to reseeding areas every fall until adequate vegetation is established. According to a Board order in July 1979, the company was going to put in revegetation test plots to determine the best seed mixture to use on any given area. These plots have not been put in as of yet. Contact with experts from the University of Utah have resulted in correspondence but no final arrangements have been made.



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Statistics:

Joseph C. Helfich - \$150
Mary Kay Stein - \$150