

November 23, 1982

Inspection Memo  
to Coal File

RE: Bishopsgate Coal Corporation  
Scofield Area  
Drill holes 81-5-2, 81-5-1B,  
81-8-2 and 81-5-1P  
CEP/007/006  
Carbon County, Utah

On October 20, 1982, Division Inspectors Joe Helfrich, David Lof and John Whitehead visited the above mentioned drill sites with Mr. Bill Green of Bishopsgate Coal Corporation. The purpose of the visit was to determine the drill sites status and the status of NOV N81-4-5-2, and NOV N81-4-6-1.

Drill hole 81-5-2, and drill hole 82-5-1B, located along the access road in Winter Quarters Canyon, had been recontoured and reseeded in accordance with NOV N81-4-5-2, #1 of 2, and #2 of 2. Therefore, the violations were terminated.

Drill hole 81-8-2 is located in the NW 1/4, of the NW 1/4, Section 8, Township 13S, Range 7E. The site was located in an ephemeral drainage and approximately 1/3 of an acre in size. During the November 13, 1981 inspection the site was found to have no drainage control measures and no attempt had been made to reclaim the drill site. Because of this, NOV N81-4-6-1 was issued for failure to prevent erosion and additional contributions of suspended solids to stream flow or runoff outside the exploration area. The operator was required to install straw bales around the perimeter of the disturbed area using roof bolts to stake the bales in place. And, to either maintain these measures until that time at which the site could be recontoured and revegetated in accordance with the approved general exploration plan, or provide the Division with a written request from the surface land owner to leave the exploration site in its present condition to facilitate future planned land use. At the time of this inspection, all the operator had done to attempt to abate the violation was to place straw bales and a fence around the mud pits. The rest of the area was basically in the same condition that it was in 1981, with the exception of some additional erosion. Because of the fact that the operator had been given more than adequate time to abate NOV N81-4-6-1, and had not contacted the Division regarding any difficulties in meeting it's obligations, Division inspectors issued cessation order C82-4-3-1, which reads as follows:

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Nature of Condition, Practice or Violation

Failure to prevent erosion and additional contributions of suspended solids to stream flow or runoff outside the exploraton area.

Provisions of the Regulations Violated

UMC 815.15 (c) (3)  
UMC 815.15 (g)  
UMC 815.15 (j)

The operator had failed to abate Violation No. 1 included in Notice of Violation N81-4-6-1 within the time for abatement orginally fixed or subsequently extended.

Operation to be Ceased Immediately

Not applicable

Affirmative Obligations and Time for Abatement

1. Remove all trash and debris from site and dispose of it in the county landfill.
2. Regrade the site to as near a natural contour as possible.
3. Replace topsoil and prepare for seeding.
4. Reseed with approved revegetation seed list.

IMMEDIATELY

The cessation order was issued on October 22, 1982. The operator did not complete the affirmative obligations required until November 5, 1982. On November 8, 1982, Mr. Green of Bishopsgate called Mr. Lof and informed him that the work had been completed. On November 9, 1982, Mr. Lof went to the site in order to determine whether or not the CO should be terminated. At the time of the inspection there were approximately 12 to 18 inches of snow on the ground. However, it was evident to Mr. Lof that some regrading work had taken place, and that some straw mulch had been placed on the site. Based on this, the CO was terminated effective November 5, 1982. This site will be inspected once again next spring to determine the success of the recontouring and revegetation of the site.

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Drill hole 81-5-1P is located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 5, Township 12S, Range 7E. The approximate size of the drill site was 100 by 50 feet and required the development of approximately 1,000 feet of access road from an existing road. At the time of the November 1981 inspection, the drill site was still in the process of being developed. Some topsoil had been removed and stockpiled, and the pad for the water truck and drill rig had been developed. The mud pits were being excavated and drainage control had yet to be implemented. Scott Williams of Bishopsgate was informed during a November 25, 1981 phone conversation that the drainage controls still needed to be implemented and that the topsoil needed to be protected prior to initiation of drilling. The drilling was conducted in December of 1981, and at the time of this inspection the drill site was still intact. The mud pits still had drill fluid in them and there appeared to be an oily film on top of the water. It was obvious that no drainage controls had been implemented, nor the topsoil protected as requested. The cut face of the drill pad was eroding severely as was the access road. Because of this, NOV N82-4-13-1 was issued to Bishopsgate Coal Corporation. The violation reads as follows:

#### Nature of the Violation

Failure to return to approximate original contour those excavations, artificial flat areas and embankments created during exploration promptly after such features are no longer needed for coal exploration.

#### Provision of the Regulations Violated

UMC 815.15 (d)

#### Portion of the Operation to Which Notice Applies

Drill hole 81-5-1P

#### Remedial Action Required

1. Remove all trash and debris from the site and dispose of in the county landfill.
2. Regrade the site to as near a natural contour as possible.
3. Replace topsoil and prepare for seeding.
4. Reseed with approved revegetation mix.

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Time for Abatement

Thirty (30) days from date of receipt.

Date of receipt was October 25, 1982. The operator is being given until November 24, 1982.

On November 19, 1982, Mr. Green called Mr. Lof and informed him that because of winter weather conditions they were not able to access the site at this time. Mr. Lof agreed that it would be best to wait until spring to reclaim the site since any attempts at this time may cause more harm than good. Consequently, the NOV was modified and the date for completion of the remedial actions required, changed to April 30, 1983. The reason being the weather conditions.



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Statistics:

See Valley Camp Mine memo dated, November 4, 1982