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April 7, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Plateau Mining Company
Star Point #1 and #2 Mine
ACT/007/006
Folder No. 7
Carbon County, Utah

DATE: March 30, 1983
TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.
WEATHER: Clear, warm
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Ben Grimes
STATE OFFICIAL: Barton Kale
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: NOV 83-6-4-2

Compliance with Permanent Performance Standards

771 et al Permits

A letter dated January 27, 1982 gives final approval to mine under an approved permanent plan. The letter is signed by the Director of the Division.

A letter dated June 15, 1982 from Jim Smith of the Division gives approval of the refuse pile extension plan conditional upon following agreed upon stipulation.

A letter dated September 10, 1982 from Environmental International, Inc., certifies that three PCB transformers were disposed of in compliance with all local, State and federal laws.

The Manti-La Sal National Forest submitted its "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) for the breakout areas, on September 23, 1983.

A letter dated November 19, 1982 from the Division gives approval for the phased development of the Corner Canyon breakouts.

784.17 Protection of Public Parks and Historic Places

A report dated November 6, 1982 from P/S Scientific Inc. states that a cultural resource inventory of the new breakout area revealed that no areas of cultural importance would be endangered by the proposed breakouts.

817.11 Signs and Markers

The entrance sign and appropriate markers were posted as required.

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817.11 Topsoil

The topsoil stockpile signs at the valley fill topsoil stockpile need replacing. Winter/Spring thaw has caused existing signs to blow down.

817.41 - .52 Hydrologic Balance

Drainage at the Lion Deck Refuse has been a controversy for some time. Drainage patterns as they relate to the approved design have been in question, as is stated in each memo back to November of 1982.

Drainage on the road is passed through the undisturbed drainage but is not supposed to handle runoff from any mine operation. At the end of last year scrap metal was stored at this area in potential violation because of the destination of runoff. Some was removed but the trash dumpster was not. Upon insistance of the inspector the dumpster was finally removed. During the current inspection it was revealed that Plateau Mining Company put 2 new trash containment facilities (one dumpster and one trailer) back in this area on a location that drains to the undisturbed. As a result NOV 83-6-4-2, 1 of 2 was issued and reads as follows.

Nature of the Violation

1. Failure to mine in accordance with an approved plan.
2. Failure to pass surface drainage from disturbed area through a sediment pond or treatment facility before leaving permit area.

Provision of Regulation Violated

UMC 771.19
UMC 817.42 (a)(1)

Portion of the Operaton to Which Notice Applies

Lion Deck Refuse Bin.

Remedial Action Required

Determination and delineation of disturbed and undisturbed areas at the refuse bin.

Removal of equipment associated with mining activity from within the bounds of the area draining to undisturbed culvert.

Time for Abatement

30 days.

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During the field tour of the Prep Plant it was noticed that in the rail car holding area, runoff was leaving the disturbed area and entering the undisturbed drainage. Water was flowing at the rate of 2 - 3 gallons per minute, cutting its way under the track to the undisturbed drainage along the south boundary of the rail area. As a result NOV 83-6-4-2, 2 of 2 was issued and reads as follows.

Nature of the Violation

1. Failure to pass drainage from disturbed area through a sedimentation pond or treatment facility.
2. Failure to discharge water from disturbed area in compliance with water quality effluent limitations.

Provisions of the Regulation Violated

UMC 817.42 (a)(1)

UMC 817.43 (1)(7)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

Railroad car holding area west of Prep Plant.

Remedial Action Required

Pass all disturbed area runoff through appropriate sediment control measures.

Time for Abatement

One day.

Plateau should be concerned with keeping the disturbance boundary clear in the rock dust bin area. Although a violation has already been issued in the past in this area, maintenance of the rock dust bin is causing contaminated snow to be placed precariously close to the undisturbed drop drain. Disturbed and runoff entering this drain will be cause for an additional violation in this area.

817.52 Surface and Groundwater Monitoring

The NPDE permit (#UT-0033736) was available upon request. It is dated December 29, 1981 with an expiration dated of December 31, 1986. The receiving water is Mudwater Creek and unnamed tributaries to Serviceberry Creek.

No sample was taken in the 3rd quarter of 1982 because early snow storms in September blocked access to sampling points (sampling wasn't scheduled til September). A letter dated October 14, 1982 to the Division documents this problem. Plateau should keep thier data sheets up to date by fillng indates

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even if there is no discharge or not sampled for whatever reason. This will eliminate any needless confusion.

817.97 Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Values

A letter from the Supervisor of the Southeast region of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service dated September 14, 1982 states that the new breakout site is without physical threat to the existing raptor resource.

817.181 Storage Facilities and Utility Installations

Plateau is in the process of installing petroleum product storage tanks. These large white tanks are bolted into a container with 5 foot high walls to contain any spill or mishap. Two of these tanks were being installed on the Lion Deck during the inspection.


BARTON KALE
FIELD SPECIALIST

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Statistics:

Per Diem: 1 person x 1 day, 6.5 hours = \$48.88
Vehicle: EX #70237 - 353 miles
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