

June 4, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder  
FROM: Barton Kale, Mining Field Specialist *BOK*  
RE: Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006,  
Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

DATE: May 17, 1985  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
WEATHER: Clear  
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Ben Grimes  
STATE OFFICIALS: Barton Kale  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: None

Compliance With Permanent Performance Standards

UMC 771 et al Permits

All applicable permits, approvals and plans were available as required.

The operator discussed work to be done on the county road. County road crews are working in improving the road to the mine and will eventually be working within the permit boundary. The operator was informed of his responsibilities concerning approval for all work within the permit.

UMC 817.11 Signs and Markers

The mine entrance sign was posted as required as were perimeter markers.

UMC 817.15 Casing and Sealing of Underground Openings Permanent

During the time of this inspection crews were preparing the Star Point #1 mine area for reclamation. On site personnel explained that they were arranging material to be scraped out and that they were salvaging material out of the portals.

UMC 817.21.-25 Topsoil

Topsoil from the refuse test plots has been removed to the stockpile across the road. It has yet to be seeded but it is on a protected area with berms in place.

The subsoil stockpile has received strawbales at the entrance gate to close the gap created by maintenance access. The rills and gullies on the stockpile have been stabilized adequately.

UMC 817.4-.52 Hydrologic Balance

The ditch behind the shop was in the process of being cleaned. Snow had drifted in throughout the winter and packed in along the highwall. Crews were digging at the snow in sections. All disturbed runoff from the operation was flowing to the disturbed outlets.

The above mentioned ditch has some inherent design problems which make it useless during the winter as it drifts in quickly. Spring clean up operations make it viable again once the warmer weather arrives.

All the ponds were inspected during this visit with the following notations:

1. The underflow ponds are working fine. The second pond was recently cleaned proving the concrete ramps will work well for cleanings.
2. Pond #4 has a small insignificant leak which will be eliminated when new outfall pipe is constructed this month.
3. Pond #6 pipe will also be changed.

UMC 817.52 Surface and Ground Water Monitoring

The NPDES permit was available upon request and was dated March 22, 1985. Permit UT-0023736 has an expiration date of December 31, 1986 and the receiving water is a tributary of Serviceberry Creek.

NPDES permit discharge point 001 was recorded as over its TDS limitations for the latest sample. A letter dated May 1, 1985 to the Division as well as EPA was on file documenting the problem as well as stating that the company was taking steps to isolate any problem.

Sediment pond inspections were dated February 11, 12, March 14, and April 12, 1985.

UMC 817.89 Disposal of Noncoal Wastes

The trash area was viewed and is satisfactory.

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UMC 817.180 Other Transportation Facilities

During this inspection, work was continuing on the conveyor line. Heavy equipment was involved with grading the construction access. All disturbed areas drain to the sediment pond (Pond #8).

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cc: Donna Griffin, OSM  
Ben Grimes, Plateau Mining Company  
Joe Helfrich, DOGM  
Sue Linner, DOGM

Statistics:

Vehicle           EX45429 X 360 miles  
Per Diem:        1 person X 1 day 6 hours = \$50.00  
Grant:           A&E  
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