

April 30, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: Barton Kale, Field Specialist *80K*
RE: Vacation of NOV 85-6-3-1 and Reissuance Under NOV
85-6-5-1 at Plateau Mining Company, ACT/007/006, Folder,
#3, Carbon County, Utah

During the February 27, 1985 inspection at Plateau Mining Company a violation was issued for placement of snow, laden with noncoal waste, across from the trash area where it drained to the undisturbed drop drain.

The violation reads as follows:

Nature of the Violation

Failure to pass drainage from disturbed area through a sediment pond or treatment facility.

Failure to conduct mining activities to minimize changes to prevailing hydrologic balance.

Provisions of the Regulations Violated

UMC 817.41 (a)
UMC 817.42 (a)(i)

Portion of the Operation to Which Notice applies

Snow placed opposite Lion Deck trash bin from trash area.

Remedial Action REquired

Remove contaminated snow from area draining to undisturbed.

Time for Abatement

1 week, March 6, 1985

The work for abatement was done promptly and adequately.

Information later received by the Division by the operator informed the inspector that a silt fence had been in place at the drain, to minimize contributions of sediment from the road to the undisturbed. When the snow melted the inspector confirmed that a silt fence did indeed exist (April 24, 1985 inspection) although its condition at the time of the inspection is unknown. Recent maintenance has been done to reenforce the silt fence but the operator insists that it was functioning through the snow melt all the way until the time it received maintenance.

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As a result NOV 85-6-3-1 has been vacated because limited approved sediment treatment was in place and a violation for noncoal waste has been issued in its place. Snow had been removed from the trash bin areas and placed across the road. The trash bins contain various contaminants as well as trash and need to be controlled in an approved manner (which in this case means within the concrete bins at the trash area).

The new violation reads as follows:

Nature of the Violation

Failure to place noncoal waste in a controlled manner and store in a designated portion of the permit.

Provisions of the Regulation

Umc 817.89 (a)

Portion of the Operation to Which Notice Applies

Snow and trash deposited in the berm opposite the lion deck trash area.

Remedial Action Required

Store all trash and noncoal wastes in designated areas.

Time for Abatement

Immediately

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