

April 9, 1985

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

A partial inspection was conducted on March 28, 1985 by Barton Kale of the Division. The inspector was accompanied by Ben Grimes of Plateau Mining Company.

Before the site inspection commenced, an informal discussion was held with Bob Lauman and Ben Grimes on the status of the refuse pile expansion situation (topsoil). They had just received Tom Portle's letter chastising Plateau for their handling of the situation. It also contained his opinion that based on the most recent data submitted, the material indeed did not need to be saved or protected. Company officials were not satisfied with the handling of the situation and are awaiting their chance to appeal the violation. This meeting lasted about 1-1/2 hours.

The field tour revealed no problems at this time as new falling snow hampered ground observations. A strong spring storm pushed through the area and had not abated through the day.

Areas that were inspected on this visit included:

1. the Lion Deck refuse collection area;
2. Lion Deck pad;
3. undisturbed drainage by the rock dust bin;
4. underflow ponds across from the refuse tipple;
5. the drainage conveyances at and near the preparation plant.

No violations were warranted at this time.

btb

cc: Donna Griffin
Ben Grimes
Joe Helfrich
Sue Linner

Statistics:

See Factory Butte Coal Mine memo dated April 5, 1985.
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