



March 18, 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: February 27, 1985  
TIME: 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
WEATHER: Clear and mild  
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Bob Lauman  
STATE OFFICIALS: Barton Kale  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: NOV 85-6-3-1

Compliance With Permanent Performance Standards

UMC 771 et al Permits

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

UMC 817.11 Signs and Markers

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

UMC 817.21-.25 Topsoil

No topsoil problems were observed at this time.

Plateau will protect the topsoil at the refuse expansion area until there is a resolution to the current problem (submittal of the information required). At the time of the inspection, material was to be submitted to the Division concerning Stipulation 9-22-3 and relative stockpile volumes.

UMC 817.41-.52 Hydrologic Balance

A problem was noted upon inspection of the Lion Deck noncoal trash storage area. The inspector noted that snow piled opposite the trash bins were contaminated with various amounts of trash and scrap. This area is designated as nondisturbed road drainage and therefore, not required to pass through a sediment pond (although the operation is responsible for reducing sediment contributions to the best of their ability). The trash area consists of two concrete walled retaining areas, each made to accommodate a couple of trash dumpsters. The north retaining area was free of snow down to the concrete floor. There were a number of feet of snow completely surrounding the area, deposited from various storms. It appeared that since all the snow from the bin area had been removed it had been plowed across the road and left to drain to the undisturbed area. The trash area does contain old oil cans and drums so that

the possibility exists that removed snow does contain these contaminants. Violation N85-6-3-1 was issued and the contaminated snow ordered removed. The NOV reads as follows:

Natur 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 the prevailing hydrologic balance.

Provision of the Regulations Violated

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

Portion 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

One week, March 6, 1985

A follow-up inspection was conducted on March 1, 1985 to view possible abatement work. The contaminated snow had been removed to a disturbed area as was directed. As a result NOV 85-6-3-1 was terminated on March 1, 1985.

No other hydrologic problem were noted at this time. Ditches and culverts were operating properly as well as all viewed sediment ponds.

Sediment pond inspection reports were inspected at this time. The 1st entry was dated February 12, 1985. Previous inspections were dated February 2, 8, 11, 1985 and January 21, 1985.

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.

The last NPDES data recorded was November 28, 1984.

Certification from the variances for ponds #3 and #5 was dated November 27, 1984.

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UMC 817.150-.176 Roads

It was requested that when plowing the road between the Lion Deck trash area and the main pad, the operator leave a few inches of snow so as to not plow up road base. This helps reduce contributions of sediment to road runoff as side berms of snow melt off.

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Statistics: See Sunedco memo dated March 6, 1985

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