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inspection report

Permit No. Act 007/006
Inspection Date Nov. 11 & 12, 1992

Permittee/Operator Name Plateau Mining Company
Business Address P.O. Drawer PMC
City Price State Ut Zip 84501
Mine Star Point ☐ Surface ☒ Underground ☐ Other
County Carbon State Ut
Company Official(s) Mike Kelley
State Official(s) Bill Malencik, Tom Munson
Time of inspection 11/11 9:00 ☒ a.m. ☐ p.m. to 4:30 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m. ☐ Partial ☒ Complete
11/12 1:00 ☒ 3:00 ☒
Date of last inspection 10/21/92 Weather conditions Clear/Cold.
Acreage 7200 ☐ Permitted 221 ☐ Disturbed – ☐ Regraded – ☐ Seeded 221 ☐ Bonded
Enforcement Action N·92·26-4-1

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. Permits	☒	☐	☐	☐
2. Signs and markers	☒	☐	☐	☒
3. Topsoil	☒	☐	☐	☒
4. Hydrologic balance				
— Stream channel diversions	☒	☐	☐	☐
— Diversions	☒	☐	☐	☒
— Sediment ponds and impoundments	☒	☐	☐	☒
— Other sediment control measures	☒	☐	☐	☒
— Surface and groundwater monitoring	☒	☐	☐	☒
— Effluent limitations	☒	☐	☐	☒
5. Explosives	☒	☐	☐	☒
6. Development waste and spoil disposal	☒	☐	☐	☐
7. Coal processing waste	☒	☐	☐	☒
8. Noncoal waste	☒	☐	☐	☐
9. Protection of fish, wildlife, and related environmental values	☒	☐	☐	☐
10. Slides and other damage	☒	☐	☐	☐
11. Contemporaneous reclamation	☒	☐	☐	☒
12. Backfilling and grading	☒	☐	☐	☐
13. Revegetation	☒	☐	☐	☐
14. Subsidence control	☒	☐	☐	☒
15. Cessation of operations	☒	☐	☐	☐
16. Roads				
— Construction	☒	☐	☐	☐
— Drainage controls	☒	☐	☐	☐
— Surfacing	☒	☐	☐	☐
— Maintenance	☒	☐	☐	☐
17. Other transportation facilities	☒	☐	☐	☐
18. Support facilities and utility installations	☒	☒	☐	☒

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General Comments. The inspection was performed on Veterans Day. The mine was working. The environmental staff was in Denver. Discussed the inspection with Ben Grimes by phone. He was in Denver and made suggestions how records could be made available for review by the inspectors.

RECORDS. The following records were reviewed:

- UPDES reports were submitted for the 3rd quarter for sediment ponds and mine water discharges. Records show no discharge for the third quarter.
- Refuse Pile Inspection conducted by Ben Grimes on 9/29/92 and report indicates no environmental or performance standards
- Sediment Pond Inspection on 8 ponds and one treatment facility completed 9/29/92
- Water Monitoring - 86-18-2, 86-26-6 two wells were noted on the PAP for removal. Well 86-18-2 is allegedly silted full. Well 86-26-6 is in an area that has been mined and is inaccessible. For this and other reasons the permittee must submit an amendment to justify why the wells should be deleted together with adding other water monitoring that has recently been discussed with the hydrologist and shown in the third quarter C.Y 92 water monitoring report.

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The proposed amendment to Table 731.211a should cover C.Y. 92 and succeeding years. This amendment must be submitted to the Division by December 10, 1992.

- Bond & Reclamation Agreement on file in the PAP.
- Insurance documents are current and found after a prolonged search.
- Annual Report for C.Y. 1991 was on file.
- Stipulation/attachment to the permit covers horizontal to gather ground water data and coordinated with BLM.
- Subsidence report on file. Field work completed May-Sept 1991.
- Certified maps on file and reviewed by the undersigned and Munson
- ASCA paper work on eleven areas that do not report to a sediment pond
- Revegetation reports by Kent Crofts were on file.
- Permit amendment request for a concrete pad and storage shed used by the Mine Rescue Team was submitted to the permit supervisor on 11/9/92

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· Annual pond inspection/certification dated 1/20/92 was reviewed.

· SPCC plan on file

· Blasting - no recent surface blasting

Field Observations

Areas covered including looking at representative environmental measures included the Silo Area, Tipple Area, Old #1 Mine, Storage Area including material, non-coal waste, refuse & coal storage; transportation/roads & conveyors and buildings.

Signs & Markers. No change from the last inspection

Topsoil. Topsoil & subsoil storage areas were observed and no problems were observed. On the north slope of the piles the soil was covered with snow.

Diversions. Explained to Mike Kelley suggestions made in the last inspection concerning minor suggested improvements that the operator may consider. Mike was receptive to the suggestions. Segments and representative observation of other ditches was performed and no compliance problems were noted. Did not walk ditch #3. A drop drain should be installed and paperwork should be submitted as the culvert should be repaired ~~above pond #4 together with a terrace.~~ The culvert is fully functional.

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Sediment Ponds. None of the ponds were discharging. Ponds 2, 3 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and T.F #1 all contained water. 7 was dry with sediment level 43" to the top of the spillway, 21" to the bottom.

Other Sediment Control. Minor cleanout of silt fences on the south side of the refuse test plots was suggested to Mr. Kelley. Also on the BTCA silt fences near the silo. Several check dams were near cleanout level.

Coal Processing Waste. Observed the refuse pile including the new west side ditch and the downspout. It appears that the refuse pile has reached that level where two more joints can be added to the downspout that discharges into pond #5.

Contemporaneous Reclamation. Small area under the beltline adjacent to the silo was terraced and seeded per suggestion made by Division inspectors.

Support facility. Support facilities were observed and compared with those authorized and/or approved in the permit. The permittee contractor has erected a scale and coal processing equipment on the refuse pile. This is a temporary

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setup associated with processing refuse for a test burn. A review of the Division records indicated that the permittee had not received Division approval for the aforementioned processing equipment. Therefore, in light of the above circumstances and prior notification that paperwork must be approved before on the ground work is started, have no recourse but to issue a violation N 92-26-4-1 with citations as follows:

R-645-300-143

R 645-526-220

UCA 40-10-22(c)

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