



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 3/15/99 / 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 2/7,25/99

Mine Name: Star Point Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/006
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation
Business Address: 847 Northwest Highway 191, Helper, Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Johnny Pappas
State Officials(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy, Snow on NE slopes of the mine
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 9,060 Disturbed- 220 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 220
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
Status: Exploration/ XXX Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I/Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

Table with 5 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows 1-21 listing various permit and performance standards.

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

GENERAL COMMENTS

A partial inspection was performed by the undersigned. Highlights of the inspection are as follows:

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The DOGM permit change for Plateau Mining Corporation to extract coal from the refuse pile has been approved. No mining of the refuse pile has commenced.

3. TOPSOIL

A proposed topsoil borrow area is currently under consideration by the permittee and the Division. This will provide a suitable source of topsoil for Pre-SMCRA disturbed areas where no soil was harvested.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

Diversions were observed and all appeared stable.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

There are nine sediment ponds and three water impoundments. Observed pond 1, 2, and 9 and each contained runoff. None of the sediment ponds were discharging during the inspection.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

Silt fences provide the sediment control on the BTCA areas. These were all operational.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The coal mine waste, as approved by the Division, covers an area of approximately 69 acres. The refuse pile approved design includes out slopes NTE 2:1, a MSHA berm, a sloping pile with positive drainage, diversions designed to meet 6 hr 100 year storm event, and commitment on restricting non-coal waste and combustible materials being stored in the refuse pile.

The fourth quarter inspection report was prepared by the permittee and a copy was submitted to the Division.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

One dumpster on the upper pad is nearly full and needs to be transported to a land fill.

16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

Roads were open and maintained. The #1 mine county road is not open because of drifting snow.

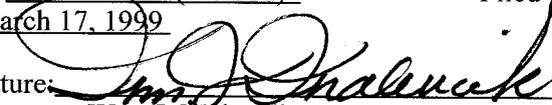
Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Johnny Pappas (Plateau) Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: March 17, 1999

Inspector's Signature:  #26
Wm. J. Malencik