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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: 4/18/2000 / 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 3/9/2000

Mine Name: Star Point Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/006

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: 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, low 60's

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: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

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

SUMMARY

-No violations were issued as a result of the instant inspection.

-The mine requested and the Division approved temporary cessation of the Star Point mine. They committed to maintain the necessary environmental control measures.

-Pond #8 has been cleaned.

-The cleaning of Pond #5 is well underway. The material is currently stacked within a portion of the pond. Mr. Pappas stated if they don't get the hoe repaired he would look to bring a contractor in to finish the work. The clean-out material is currently being stacked on the refuse pile. A portion of the clean out material has been taken to the refuse pile. The balance is still stacked in the refuse pile.

-The clean-up of old equipment including man trips, underground vehicles, and tractors has been completed. The site looks a lot better.

4A. **HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS**

There are approximately sixteen miles of constructed diversions within the disturbed and interfacing undisturbed area. This includes water conveyance systems of over 80 ditches and 32 culverts and berms that control and direct runoff. The diversions are designed and discussed in Section 742.300.

4B. **HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS**

There are nine sediment ponds and three water impoundments. The sediment ponds provide sediment control for the majority of the disturbed areas. There are four BTCA's.

The runoff from these areas are treated and controlled by alternative sediment control measures. The water impoundments are associated with the coal wash plant.

4C. **HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES**

Silt fences provide the sediment control on the BTCA areas. The mine has installed redundant sediment control measures including straw bales, silt fences, sumps, and check dams to retain sediment near the source. No problems were noted.

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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 pile is not currently being used because the mine is no longer washing coal. The exception is the sediment pond cleaning.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

The inspector sent a letter to the permittee on the non-coal waste, together with photos. The company was granted an extension on the submission of a plan until 2/11/99. The company has moved some vehicles to the parking area. Equipment has been marked with red paint indicating salvage, sell, or keep. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of April. As previously mentioned, the clean-up project has been a success.

16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

Observed River Gas proposal to alter the existing road. A separate report on this amendment is being worked on this week.

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: Pam Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: April 25, 2000

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