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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete:__ Exploration:__
Inspection Date & Time: 5/11/2000 / 7:30a.m.-5:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 4/18/2000

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: Snowing in A.M., Cloudy and cold, upper 30's
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 9,060 Disturbed- 220 Regraded-_ Seeded-_ Bonded- 220
Increased/Decreased: Permitted-___ Disturbed-___ Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-___
Status: _Exploration/_____Active/___Inactive/X 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.

		EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
3.	TOPSOIL	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a.	DIVERSIONS	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
b.	SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
c.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
d.	WATER MONITORING	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
e.	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
5.	EXPLOSIVES	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
13.	REVEGETATION	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
14.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
16.	ROADS:				
a.	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
b.	DRAINAGE CONTROLS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
17.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
18.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
19.	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____(date)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
20.	AIR QUALITY PERMIT	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
21.	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.

-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. This work needs to be completed since some of the material still remains in the pond.

-The clean-up of old equipment including man trips, underground vehicles, and tractors has been completed. The site looks a lot better. Wrote a note to John Borla, Mine Manager, on the disposal of old metal at the upper and lower pad areas and requested he call me on their plan to take care of this matter.

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. Some diversions need to receive routine maintenance before they become a compliance problem.

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. Several sediment traps need to be cleaned.

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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. Some silt fences are to the point they are nearly ready to be replaced.

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 outslopes 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. The berm by the drop culvert, south side, needs to be beefed up together with low areas on the north side.

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.

Another matter requires the mine manager's attention. They have scrap metal that needs to be cleaned up. Some of the items are scattered throughout the upper and lower pad areas. The scrap needs to be inventoried and a decision made on the scrap metal that is to be disposed of.

16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

The River Gas proposal to alter the existing road has been approved by the Division.

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: May 16, 2000

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