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ACT/007/007

Mr. John Huefner
Kaiser Steel Corporation
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RE: Compliance Status

Dear Mr. Huefner:

Pursuant to the June 16, 17, and 18, 1981, inspection by Joe Helfrich, Sandy Pruitt and Jean Doutre, the following areas should be included for compliance as well as the notices of violation issued during the inspection.

1. Erosion on the inlet to the sediment pond located below the manshaft and structural weakness, etc., on the sediment pond and mine water discharge pond.
2. Additional work on the diversion ditch located above the mine water discharge pond consisting of an extension on the upper end of the diversion ditch and removal of coal refuse and riprapping at the lower end of the diversion ditch.
3. Installation of perimeter markers delineating affected from unaffected areas.
4. On-site erosion located at downslope of the coal loadout and downslope of access road to the coal loadout. The area between the road to the refuse dump and the access road to the top of the slurry ponds. The two large areas of erosion below the coke ovens.

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Pursuant to the Board Order addressing Cause No. ACT/007/007, specifically addressing the use of coarse refuse on existing roads at Kaiser Steel's Sunnyside operation, verbal commitment has been given to the following stipulations:

1. A sediment control plan for all existing roads will be submitted to the Division for review by July 31, 1981.
2. An on-site inspection was conducted by Larry Dalton on May 20, 1981. Kaiser Steel is waiting for final approval from Division of Wildlife Resources regarding their sediment control plan.
3. Kaiser Steel Corporation is presently conducting a water monitoring program for Grassy Trail Creek. Results are available at the minesite. The operator should check to make sure that these results have been forwarded to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.
4. Test plots implemented to demonstrate the ability of the coarse refuse to support vegetative material were constructed on May 14, 1980. Assessment procedures required to obtain supportive data should be discussed with Mary Ann Wright, Division biologist, prior to July 31, 1981.
5. During the inspection, it was noted that there are at least five roads by Kaiser Steel Corporation that are maintained with coarse refuse materials. At present, these roads have not been maintained nor have sediment control structures been fully implemented to prevent sediment loading resulting in Notice of Violation #81-1-3-5, No. 5 of 5. The abatement deadline for this violation has been set at July 30, 1981.
6. Pursuant to Items 3, 8 and 9 of Appendix A of the Board Order dated October 24, 1979, concerning test plots, road drainage patterns and supporting material. This also be addressed by July 31, 1981.

On June 26, 1981, a meeting was held with Steve McNeal from the Department of Environmental Health and Joe Helfrich from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. Runoff control problems associated with Kaiser Steel's slurry pond, borrow areas and coarse refuse dump areas were discussed. The following options have been provided:

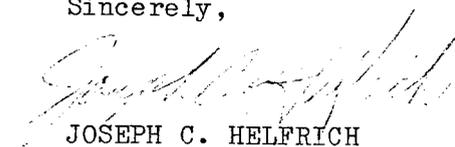
- Option A. Relocate the existing sediment pond that lies in the natural drainage of Icelander Creek.
1. An area closer to the disturbed area at the intersection of the access haul road to the slurry ponds and the Icelander drainage located between the downslope of the access road that leads from the slurry pond embankments to the coarse refuse dump area. Then designate the downslope as an undisturbed area thereby eliminating the location of the existing sediment pond in the Icelander drainage.

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Option B. Divert the unaffected portion of the Icelander Drainage to an adjacent undisturbed drainage. This would eliminate the mixing of disturbed and undisturbed drainage above the crossing of the access road to the slurry ponds over Icelander Creek. However, there would still be approximately 1/4 mile of disturbed and undisturbed drainage mixing prior to entering the existing sediment pond in Icelander drainage. Therefore, Division and State Health representatives concurred that the operator should pursue Option A.

Division members are available for an on-site inspection to determine proper location of sediment control structures, in view of the above-mentioned recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact the Division.

Sincerely,



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RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

cc: Steve McNeal

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