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TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement
FROM: David Lof, Mining Field Specialists *DL*
RE: Kaiser Steel Corporation, Sunnyside Mine, ACT/007/007,
Folder #7, Emery County, Utah

On October 10, 1984 a partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned mine site. I was accompanied on the inspection by Byron Allred of Kaiser Steel Corporation. The primary purpose of the inspection was to familiarize myself with the general layout of the mine complex, any recent construction projects, and plans for modifications to existing structures.

The operator is currently negotiating with U. S. Steel Corporation for their Horse Canyon properties. The intent is that Kaiser Steel would use the existing surface facilities and assume all corresponding responsibilities for those facilities so that they could mine the north end of the South lease.

The operator has a lease application in for review to enter the "B" Canyon lease area. In the 1950's the operator drove two entries from their #1 Mine through this area when it was owned by U. S. Steel. At that time they broke out one portal which is currently used for ventilation purposes. According to Bart Hyita of Kaiser Steel the portal is fenced off and there is an old jeep trail which goes up to the portal area. The operator wants to develop the "B" Canyon lease for longwall mining.

A cursory inspection of the twinshaft pad area did not reveal any problems.

Twinshaft Mine Water Pond

The operator had removed the topsoil from the mine water pond site and stockpiled it at the north end of the pond. A topsoil stockpile identification sign was in place on top of the stockpile. The stockpile had been seeded and good germination has taken place. There is a berm and ditch around the topsoil stockpile except for the west end where the operator had not completed the berm. There were no signs of erosion on the stockpile and there was no apparent loss of topsoil material. I asked Mr. Allred to have the berm completed within the next few days.

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The top of the spillway pipe appeared to be too high relative to the top of the sediment pond embankment (there was less than one foot of difference between the two). Mr. Allred assured me that they were still planning on surveying the spillway and that they would make sure that it was at the proper height.

I asked Mr. Allred to make sure that they checked the ponds embankment slopes when they completed construction. I also told him that when the final grade of the embankment was reached that they should grade the top of the embankment to the inside and make sure that there are no low spots on top of the embankment.

The operator had seeded some of the outside slopes of the embankment.

The operator still needed to finish the spillway from where the overflow pipe outlets into the ephemeral wash, all the way down to Grassy Trail Creek.

Installation of the mine water pipe to the pond had not been completed.

Whitmore Canyon Fan Site

There were no apparent problems with this area. A visual inspection of the mine water pond discharge did not indicate any problems.

All questions and concerns from the inspection were discussed with Doug Pearce of Kaiser Steel on October 12, 1984 when he was in the Division offices.

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Statistics: See Genwal Coal Company, Crandall Canyon Mine Memo
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