

August 30, 1984

TO: Memo to Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement  
 FROM: Barton Kale, Mining Field Specialist *BOK*  
 RE: Kaiser Steel Company, Sunnyside Complex, ACT/007/007,  
Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

DATE: July 30, 1984  
TIME: 8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.  
WEATHER: Clear  
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Doug Pearce  
STATE OFFICIALS: Barton Kale  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: NOV N84-6-9-1

Compliance with Permanant Performance Standards

UMC 771 et al Permits

A letter dated May 11, 1978 from Ron Daniels of the Division grants tentative approval for the Sunnyside Mine.

A letter from the Division dated January 9, 1984 signed by Jim Smith gives approval for the Manshaft Sediment Pond.

Pond certification was available for the pasture pond and the Old Haul Road Pond, dated May 3, 1984.

A letter from the Division dated June 8, 1984 gives emergency approval for waste rock approval offsite for a period of 90 days from May 24, 1984.

A letter dated June 12, 1984 from Doug Pearce of Kaiser Steel requests approval for the Mine water pond at the Whitmore Shaft.

UMC 817.11 Signs and Markers

The mine entrance sign was visible with all pertinent information listed. Perimeter markers were also noted around the mine site.

UMC 817.21 Topsoil

The topsoil stockpiles were viewed and found to be acceptable. No problems were evident.

UMC .41-52 Hydrologic Balance

Maintenance is needed at the strawbale dam at the manshaft area. This site is not under active use but is still under sediment control responsibility. The operator committed to completing the work by the next inspection.

During the inspection of No. 2 Canyon it was discovered that water had been discharging through a break in the sidewall of the drainage. Upon investigation by Mr. Pearce it was confirmed that this water was mine water, designed to go to the slurry pond and then to irrigate alfalfa fields. The local farmer was getting more water than he wanted so he came to the mine site and switched valves and thus sent water into the undisturbed drainage. As a result NOV N84-6-10-1 was issued as follows:

Nature of the Violation

Failure to mine in accordance with approved plans.

Provisions of the Regulations Violated

UMC 771.19

Portion of the Operation to Which Notice Applies

Mine water discharge into II Canyon

Remedial Action Required

Cessation of Mine water discharge into II Canyon

Time for Abatement

Immediately

The manshaft mine water pond is well into its construction. The operator was informed and is aware of his certification responsibilities.

UMC 817.52 Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

The NPDES permit was available upon request. Permit number UT-0022941 is dated October 29, 1982 and has an expiration date of June 30, 1987.

The most recent water data was dated June 29, 1984. The straw filter and flocculant treatment still seems to be working. The source recorded an iron level of 7.10 mg/l, while at the filter it was only 1.32 mg/l.

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UMC 817.89 Disposal of Noncoal Wastes

Although at this time oil leakage was not a problem, evidence of past mishandling of petroleum products can be seen around the site. The operator was warned that if mishandling of oil drums or leakage did occur a violation for improper disposal of noncoal waste could be issued.

UMC 817.14 Casing and Sealing of Underground Openings, Temporary

The portals that were sealed at the right fork of Water Canyon must be resealed if the area is to be considered inactive.

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cc: Doug Pearce  
Jodie Merriman  
Joe Helfrich  
Mary Boucek

Statistics:

Vehicle: 45429 X 306 Mile  
Per Diem: 1 person X 1 day 10 hours = \$55.00  
Grnat: A&E  
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