October 28, 1982

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Blazon Company
Exploration Sites B-1 and B-2
CEP/007/009
Carbon County, Utah

Mr. Calvin Jacobs, a landowner contracted to reclaim drill sites for Blazon Company, notified Sandy Pruitt by phone on October 26, 1982 that reclamation of the drill sites was completed on the Friday and Saturday (October 22 and 23) following the October 21, 1982 inspection. He alleged that a cat backfilled the mud pits, covered the drill holes and smoothed out the surface to a natural slope. He was requested to write a letter to document his notification of the date of completion and describe the reclamation work conducted.

As violations for a failure to plug the drill holes and recontour drill sites were outstanding, an immediate inspection of the sites was warranted following notification of abatement. Wayne Hedberg, Reclamation Hydrologist and Sandy Pruitt conducted another inspection of the drill sites on October 25, 1982. Inspectors determined that no reclamation had been done as alleged. Mr. Paul Jacobs met the inspectors as they were leaving the property.

Calvin Jacobs called Sandy Pruitt again on October 27, 1982 to inform her that Mr. Jack Otani was lined up to do the reclamation work over the weekend. He was unaware that Mr. Otani was unable to do the work then. Mr. Otani had informed him that he planned to do the work this week but was not prepared to plug the drill holes; that should have been done by the drilling company. Sandy Pruitt informed Mr. Jacobs that the holes needed to be plugged in accordance with the Notice of Intent which will probably require a drilling rig, and that the Division has requested that a member of its staff be notified of when the plugging will be done in order to be on-site to ensure that it is done correctly: Reclamation will be postponed until the holes are plugged.

In a cooperative spirit, this inspector was mislead by the operator's deceptive intentions toward good faith before issuing the citations in NOV group #N82-2-8-2. This enforcement action is warranted, the October 26 inspection was not.

SANDY PRUITT
FIELD SPECIALIST

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Allen Smith, North American Equities
Calvin Jacobs
Inspection Staff

SP/btb

Statistics:

Vehicle: #EX 70237--245 miles
Per Diem: None
Grant: A & E