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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: July 7&9 1987
10:30-11:30 am and 1:30-4:00 pm

Permittee and/or Operators Name: U. S. Fuel Company
Business Address: Hiawatha, Utah 84527
Mine Name: Hiawatha Complex Permit Number: ACT/007/011
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Other
County: Carbon
Company Official (s): Jean Semborski
State Official(s): Holland Shepherd
Partial: Complete: Date of Last Inspection: June 10, 1987
Weather Conditions: Sunny, warm
Acreage: Permitted 20,700 Disturbed 290 Regraded 0 Seeded 0 Bonded 290
Enforcement Action: N87-9-5-1

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	()	()	()	()
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	()	()	()	()
3. TOPSOIL	()	()	()	()
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	()	()	()	()
b. DIVERSIONS	()	()	()	()
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	()	()	()	()
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(X)	()	()	(X)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	()	()	()	()
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	()	()	()	()
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	()	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND SPOIL	()	()	()	()
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	()	()	()	()
8. NONCOAL WASTE	()	()	()	()
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	()	()	()	()
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	()	()	()	()
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	()	()	()	()
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	()	()	()	()
13. REVEGETATION	(X)	()	()	(X)
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	()	()	()	()
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	()	()	()	()
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	(X)	()	()	(X)
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	()	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	()	()	()	()
d. MAINTENANCE	()	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	()	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS <small>an equal opportunity employer</small>	(X)	()	()	(X)

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4d. SEDIMENT CONTROLS:

I asked the operator to clean coal spilled at the South Fork Tipple off the road. Coal fines on the road at this point will drain, when precipitation occurs, into the lower South Fork sediment pond. The coal accumulates at this site as trucks turn out from the loadout. The operator periodically cleans the road after a certain amount has accumulated.

13. REVEGETATION:

NOV 87-9-5-1 was written because of the operator's failure to protect an area that had previously been regraded and revegetated. The location of the impacted area is at the top of the North Fork of Miller Creek (see MRP exhibit III-2, sta 91-H).

The operator maintains a water line in the area. A small impoundment is located at the head of the waterline, which furnishes water to the line. Recently, the operator accessed this area to replace the old pipeline with a new one. In accessing the site, equipment operators ran over a small area, adjacent to the stream channel. Two years ago, after a large rainstorm; this area had been repaired (regraded and reseeded). Apparently, an old road which runs through this site was used to access the water pipeline. I have asked the operator to erect temporary sediment controls in the area and to reseed it during a viable season (this fall). I have also asked the operator to rip the ground that was compacted and post signs so that future problems do not occur.

The NOV was written at the office because of the necessity for research and consultation with other DOGM personnel. I indicated to Ms. Semborski during the day of the inspection 7-9-87, that I was looking at the situation as if it would be an NOV. I later called Ms. Semborski on the phone (on 7-14-87), and informed her that I would be sending the NOV. During the conversation we also discussed abatement actions and time frames.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Jean Semborski, U. S. Fuel; Donna Griffin, OSM

Given to: Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Inspectors Signature and Number: Holland Shepherd #9 Date: July 17, 1987

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16. ROADS:

Just after the gate, which is used to access the North Fork of Miller Creek road, a new cattle holding pen has been constructed. According to Ms. Semborski, a local rancher leases this property from Hiawatha. The property is owned by Hiawatha and is within their permit area. During the construction of the holding facility approximately 1/2 acre of land was cleared of vegetation. Topsoil and vegetation was pushed from the area into the drainage of the North Fork of Miller Creek.

After consultation with other DOGM personnel, a decision was made not to write an NOV. The reason being is that this type of activity is unrelated to mining activity and apparently falls into the same category as any disturbance caused by the town of Hiawatha, which also lies within the operators permitted area.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES:

An inspection of the Mohrland area was made on July 7, 1987. No apparent problems with the pipeline were detected. The operator has installed signs indicating permit boundaries above and below the Mohrland facilities. The signs are located on the county access road.

The Mohrland loadout is active again. The operator of the loadout is Genwal Coal Company. According to Jean Semborski, the loadout is no longer considered to be part of Hiawatha's permit area. Also Hiawatha is neither landowner or leasor of this property and facility.

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