



State of Utah
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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: X Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 5/4/95 8:00am-12:15pm
Date of Last Inspection: 4/5/95

Mine Name: Hiawatha County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT /007/011
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: United States Fuel Company
Business Address: P.O.Box 887
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Rod Davis
State Officials(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s):
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy/Warm-50's
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 12707 Disturbed- 290 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 290
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
Status: Exploration/ Active/XXXInactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I/Phase II/Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

Table with 5 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows 1-21 listing various permit conditions and their evaluation status.



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Mr. Rod Davis has been recalled as a temporary site Supervisor in place of Mr. Dean Davis, as of 5/1/95.

### 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

Backfilling of slurry pond #5 has been completed, although some final dressing up still needs to be done.

There are four 55 gallon drums of coal samples sitting at the old coal analysis lab that need proper disposal.

There are numerous small coal piles (5-10 bushels in size) about the site that should be cleaned up. The following were pointed out to Mr. Davis during the inspection;

- 1) coal spillage on the cement belt support pads in South Fork.
- 2) coal spillage along the tracks NW of the coal analysis lab.
- 3) coal spillage around the coal analysis lab.

### 8. NONCOAL WASTE

The following items of noncoal waste were pointed out to Mr. Davis for proper handling and disposal;

- 1) an old Ford cab-over-engine, medium duty truck cab and an old truck hood were observed NWN of the warehouse facility.
- 2) numerous old tires are located about the site.
- 3) several pieces of corrugated metal sheeting were observed about the site. Mr. Davis agreed to properly dispose of all items mentioned.

### 9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

During the inspection of the South Fork facilities area, two shallow depressions containing water were observed;

- 1) one depression is in the area of where the old King 6 belt portal has been removed. The recent heavy rains have caused an overflow of this basin, the result being uncontrolled drainage along the road to a point where the water will drop into the ditch. The permittee was instructed to define a ditch along the northern edge of the road to keep the depression drained. The permittee might also consider regrading this area to eliminate the depression.

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2) The second depression is located on the access road to the old King 6 fan house on the south side of the undisturbed drainage. It was suggested that some grading be performed to cause this water to run to the disturbed ditch on the south side of the South Fork road.

10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE

A portion of the bank (2-3 yards) which supports the guard rail on the north edge of the King 4/5 material yard (formerly part of the parking area) has slipped away exposing the bottoms of the guard rail supports. This area is a thin finger of ground; it receives a great deal of weight from the snow which is heaped upon it from plowing. The slumped ground has been washed away (drainage reports directly to sediment pond D 008) by the thawing and/or the heavy rains received recently. The steep slope of this area would more than likely prohibit repairing the slump as compaction would be impossible. Mr. Davis was instructed to monitor the area for additional movement.

16a. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

The permittee has made the necessary repairs to the Middle Fork road (i.e., areas where runoff has eroded the bank between the pavement and the ditch).

16b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS

The permittee has cleaned ditch UD-33 in Middle Fork.

**Note:** This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

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Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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