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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: Complete: X Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: December 23, 1997, 10 AM to 4:00 PM
Date of Last Inspection: November 21, 1997

Mine Name: Wellington Preparation Plant County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/012
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Nevada Electric Investment Company (NEICO)
Business Address: c/o Earthco, 1179 East Main #104, Price, Utah 84501
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Prep. Plant X Other
State Officials(s): Paul Baker, Mary Ann Wright, Daron Haddock, Pam Grubaugh-Littig, Bob Davidson, Sharon Falvey
Company Official(s): Patrick Collins, Steve Traweek, Bruce Fogg (NEICO), Barry Barnum (JBR-Covol)
Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, 20's, about one inch of snow in some areas
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 1720 Disturbed- 356 Regraded- 1.5 Seeded- 1.5 Bonded- 177
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- 0 Disturbed- 0 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 0
Status: Exploration/ X Active/ Inactive/ 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.

	<u>EVALUATED</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>NOV/ENF</u>
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_(date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/004

DATE OF INSPECTION: December 23, 1997

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

This inspection included a bond release inspection for the railroad siding, access road, and certain other facilities included in the postmining land use change approved October 27, 1997.

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

There have been several iterations of amendment 97H. Most recently, the Division received a new version of this amendment on December 5, it was reviewed and a response sent December 18, and the operator resubmitted portions of the amendment December 22, 1997. (I actually received a copy of the C1 and C2 forms at the end of the inspection.)

On December 4, 1997, the Division responded to the most recent submittal of the operator's response to the December 23, 1996, technical analysis. The submittal still contained some deficiencies. A complete and accurate submittal is required in violation N97-41-4-1. The abatement date for this violation was December 8, 1997, but, pursuant to a request by the operator the final abatement date was extended to January 12, 1998. As an interim abatement step, the operator was required to respond to the December 4, 1997, deficiency letter by December 22, 1997, and a response was received that day.

2. Signs and Markers

Disturbed area markers and stream buffer zone signs are in place at the pumphouse near the Price River.

3. Topsoil

There are two topsoil piles along the access road, and they are within the area for which the permittee is seeking bond release. The soil in these piles is of marginal quality, but we suggested the piles should be removed from the area. Mr. Traweek may propose that this material be used in the area of the dryer building, and we agreed this might work. However, the permittee will need to submit an amendment showing the status of the soil.

4. Hydrologic Balance

b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The clearwater pond is essentially full. One stipulation on allowing Covol to begin filling this pond was that they check the dam for wet areas every day, and this has been done.

c. Other Sediment Control Measures

Several sets of straw bales and silt fences have been installed in the disturbed areas on the east side of the Price River. There is a silt fence near the pumphouse that is not properly installed. I was told the ground was frozen when it was being put in and that the problem will be fixed as soon as possible.

7. Coal Mine Waste/Refuse Piles/Impoundments

There were three ramps from the road parallel to the railroad tracks up to the tracks. These ramps contained coal refuse, and they and one small pile of refuse have been moved to the coal stockpile area.

18. Support Facilities/Utility Installations

The operator is attempting to complete reclamation of the dryer building. Although the building has been demolished, there is still quite a lot of concrete and steel remaining. During the inspection, a contractor was working to complete this work.

The coal hopper building has been demolished, but the hopper still remains. It had been covered with grates, but many of these grates have been removed, possibly by people trespassing on the property. R645-301-515.311 says each person who conducts coal mining and reclamation activities will secure surface facilities in areas in which there are no current operations but operations are to be resumed under an approved permit. There is a fence around the entire site, but the hopper still presents a danger. It should be fenced or the grating replaced.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM), Patrick Collins (NEICO/Mt. Nebo Scientific), Steve Traweek (Earthco)

Given to: Joel Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  Paul B. Baker #41 Date: December 30, 1997