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## INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete:    Exploration:     
Inspection Date & Time: July 8, 1997, 10:45 AM to 12:00 P.M.  
Date of Last Inspection: June 17, 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 Mt. Nebo Scientific, P. O. Box 337, Springville, UT 84663  
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Prep. Plant X Other  
State Official(s): Paul Baker  
Company Official(s): Patrick Collins and Steve Traweek  
Federal Official(s): None  
Weather Conditions: Partly cloudy, 80's  
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

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - 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.
  - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## INSPECTION REPORT

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/004

DATE OF INSPECTION: July 8, 1997

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

### 1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The Division is still awaiting a reply to the deficiencies found in amendment 97C. The permittee proposed to reduce the size of the permit area. The Division is considering denying this amendment since there has been no response to the initial review in May.

On July 7, 1997, the Division received a submittal intended to satisfy the requirements of the December 23, 1997, technical analysis of the plan and of violation N97-41-4-1. After the inspection, Mr. Traweek and I discussed several of the requirements of the technical analysis and how the submittal addresses them.

On June 30, 1997, the Division received a proposal to build a modular preparation plant on the east side of the Price River. Additional information was received July 22. This amendment has been designated 97D.

### 3. Topsoil

To the south of the Siaperas ditch is a topsoil pile with which I had not been familiar. Mr. Collins did not know what disturbance the soil came from. The only post-law disturbance on the east side of the Price River I am aware of is the pipeline sediment pond.

There are two small holes in the berm surrounding this pile that need to be fixed.

### 4. Hydrologic Balance

#### c. Other Sediment Control Measures

We checked the silt fence near the Siaperas Ditch. We did not find any piping under this ditch, and this is unusual. There are a couple of places where the silt fence needs to be tacked back up.

### 8. Noncoal Waste

The buildings have all been torn down, and all that remains is some trash, machinery, piles of concrete, and the concrete and pipes and valves over the auxiliary pond. The operator should be commended for the work done so far, but it still needs to be completed.

I found a small oil container that had leaked on to the soil, and this needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Traweek said there are a few other places where similar things have happened, and the soil will be removed.

### 9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Values

I was informed by Ben Morris that Wildlife Resources found two Colorado squawfish in the Price River just downstream from the prep plant. There is apparently a barrier in the river that would prevent them from moving farther upstream. I do not anticipate this discovery will have an effect on the operations.

#### Copy of this Report:

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

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  Paul B. Baker #41 Date: July 25, 1997