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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete: Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: May 19, 1997, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Date of Last Inspection: April 29, 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: Clear, 70'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

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.

	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/004

DATE OF INSPECTION: May 19, 1997

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The report for the April inspection mentions a submittal received April 15 as an apparent response to the December 23, 1996, technical analysis. On May 7, 1997, Daron Haddock, Bob Davidson, and I of the Division met with Earthco representatives Jim Scott and Steve Traweek and with Mel Coonrod of Environmental Industrial Services to discuss the submittal. As a result of the meeting, the submittal has been returned, and the date for responding to the technical analysis has been extended to June 9, 1997. Enforcement action is likely if a response is not received by then.

At the end of the inspection, I received an amendment proposal to excise some land from the permit area.

4. Hydrologic Balance

b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

In the last inspection, there was a barrel in the Auxiliary Pond. This barrel has been removed.

Also during the last inspection, water was running from a broken line in the preparation plant building to the Auxiliary Pond. This water was overflowing into both the Dryer and Road Ponds. The line has been repaired.

The culvert leading from the Auxiliary Pond to the Dryer Pond has not yet been repaired. However, Mr. Traweek plans to fix the problem by removing the last section of culvert and making a longer ditch inlet into the Dryer Pond.

The Dryer Pond has been modified in accordance with designs submitted in response to violation N96-41-2-1. A small amount of work remains. The old culvert outlet is plugged with concrete. The outlet is now a ripped spillway, but some smaller rock needs to be added. A section of the ditch leading away from the pond has been cleaned, but there is still a section about 30-feet long where the sediment needs to be removed. However, it is felt the actions taken so far have been adequate to terminate the violation.

d. Water Monitoring

On August 2, 1996, the Division approved a plan to install two ground water monitoring wells near the slurry ponds, but I do not believe these have been installed. The plan contains no commitment to install them by a certain time; however, the operator or permittee needs to begin soon to put them in.

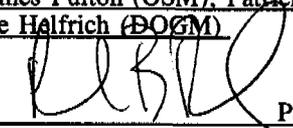
8. Noncoal Waste

Building demolition is continuing. The main preparation plant building has been pulled over and is being rapidly torn apart. While there is a lot of scrap metal around the site, it is mostly under control. We found one piece of debris in a ditch, but this is good considering the amount of work going on..

Copy of this Report:

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

Given to: Joe Halfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  Paul B. Baker #41 Date: May 27, 1997