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## INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date & Time: February 25, 1997, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Date of Last Inspection: January 28, 1997  
Partial: X Complete:    Exploration:   

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:     
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.

	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 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: February 25, 1997

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

On January 27, 1997, the Division received an amendment showing revised designs for the Dryer Pond. This amendment was in response to violation N96-41-2-1. A letter with a memorandum outlining deficiencies in the amendment was sent to NEICO on February 26, 1997, and the abatement date for the violation was extended to April 2, 1997, based on administrative delay for reviewing the amendment.

On February 28, 1997, representatives of Earthco and the Division met with Michelle Lea of Carbon County Futures to discuss potential industrial development at the Wellington site. There are apparently several parties interested in purchasing and developing land within the permit area.

2. Signs and Markers

Signs at entrance points to the property contain required information, but, as noted in the report for the January inspection, they are not made of durable material. In some cases, the information is difficult to read. This has been an ongoing problem for several months and needs to be rectified before the April inspection or enforcement action will be taken.

3. Topsoil

The hole in the berm around the topsoil stockpile adjacent to the Road Pond was repaired as I was told in the last inspection.

4. Hydrologic Balance

b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

There was some scrap metal, apparently from the conveyor, in the Auxiliary Pond that needed to be removed. Mr. Traweck told me the conveyor landed in the pond when it came down. I was told on March 3, 1997, that this metal had been removed.

c. Other Sediment Control Measures

We anticipated that the roads on the east side of the river would be very muddy, so we did not look at the alternative sediment control measures there. I was told in January that they have been maintained, but I have not yet verified this.

The straw bales by the culverts along the tracks on the north side of the disturbed area still need to be maintained or replaced. However, they were frozen to the ground when we were there.

7. Coal Mine Waste/Refuse Piles/Impoundments

Mr. Traweck told me Earthco will begin as soon as possible to regrade the coarse refuse pile near the preparation plant. I had previously been told this refuse pile was going to be remined, but there is apparently not enough coal in the pile to make this economical.

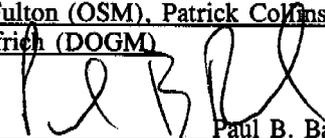
18. Support Facilities/Utility Installations

The conveyor from the hopper building to the main preparation plant building is now down. The dryer building is also being demolished, and work has begun to remove the pipeline from the main building across the river. The operator needs to be careful in removing the portion of the pipeline across the river so that as little sediment is added as possible.

Copy of this Report:

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

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  Paul B. Baker #41 Date: March 10, 1997