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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: Complete: Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: February 24, 1999, 10:10 AM to 12:15 PM

Date of Last Inspection: January 15, 1999

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 Other

State Official(s): Paul Baker

Company Official(s): Patrick Collins and Mike Gipson

Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Mostly clear, 50'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 / 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/ENE
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 24, 1999

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The Division conducted a bond release inspection on January 28, 1999, and identified several items that would still need to be addressed for the bond release and postmining land use change.

On February 18, 1999, Division received a revised proposal for postmining land use change and bond release for part of the area on the west side of the Price River. This proposal is under review. Because the proposal is under review and violation N98-41-5-1 is tied to the proposal, the violation abatement date was extended to April 26, 1999.

OSM had planned to audit Covol in February, but I was informed the audit was postponed until at least March.

3. Topsoil

Coal fines have blown on to an undisturbed area within the disturbed area boundary south of the Covol wash plant. There is less than one-fourth inch of fines. This was the first time since the wash plant started operating that I have seen fines blow from the stockpile to this area. Previously, some coal had gotten into this same area as screened material was falling from the slurry feed tank.

Since this is an unusual occurrence and since the area affected is within the disturbed area boundary, I told Mr. Gipson he should watch how much coal accumulates and that it would need to be vacuumed if it got too deep.

4. Hydrologic Balance

d. Water Monitoring

Water continues to flow in the Siaperas Ditch despite there being no inflow from irrigation. Although the ponds are nearly dry, it is possible water is still seeping from them into the ditch.

15. Cessation of Operations

The Covol wash plant remains idle, the dredge is still on blocks out of the water, and the ponds are slowly drying.

Someone finally came and took the crane that was being used to remove the old slurry pipeline.

The slurry pipeline has not been used in years, and there does not appear to be any likelihood it will be used. It has been mostly torn down, and I see no reason this area cannot be completely reclaimed.

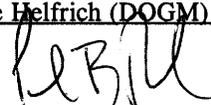
18. Support Facilities/Utility Installations

One item discussed in the bond release inspection was that fences would need to be placed around the sand hopper, the concrete structure in the auxiliary pond, and the ramp leading down into the coal track hopper. Also, a lock would need to be put on the door into the track hopper. The areas have been fenced and a hasp has been welded onto the door into the track hopper. The hasp was not locked.

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: March 5, 1999