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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete: \_ Exploration: \_

Inspection Date & Time: July 23, 1999, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Date of Last Inspection: June 17, 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 Mt. Nebo Scientific, Box 337, Springville, UT

Type of Mining Activity: Underground \_ Surface \_ Prep. Plant X Other \_

State Officials(s): Paul Baker

Company Official(s): Patrick Collins and Vicky Miller

Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Mostly clear, 90's

Existing Acreage: Permitted- 1700 Disturbed- 392 Regraded- 1.5 Seeded- 1.5 Bonded- 744

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.

Table with 5 columns: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; etc.

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/004

DATE OF INSPECTION: July 23, 1999

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

I returned the bond release application, BR97A, during the inspection. The letter attached to this application was dated July 15, 1999.

On June 21, 1999, the Division returned the bond it had received from Clearwater. There were deficiencies in the bond that had not been resolved.

Violation N98-41-5-1 was terminated on July 9, 1999. The amendment with information needed to abate the violation was deficient although it was sufficient terminate the violation. In a letter dated August 5, 1999, the Division asked that a revised amendment be submitted by August 24, 1999.

The Division received amendment 99C on July 1, 1999, and the proposal was revised July 19, 1999. In this amendment NEICO proposes to reduce the size of the permit area by deleting some areas that have never been disturbed by coal mining and reclamation operations. In a letter dated August 13, 1999, the Division explained at least one other map needs to be changed. The Division requested the additional information be submitted by August 30, 1999.

4. Hydrologic Balance

a. Diversions

The berm around the lower pad of the Covol preparation plant area was breached in two places. This berm serves a dual function as a safety berm and to keep water from running uncontrolled down the hill to the lower slurry pond. There was no environmental harm since any sediment would be controlled in the slurry pond, and because the plant is not currently in operation, no equipment is using the pad. However, the problem needs to be fixed as soon as possible.

d. Water Monitoring

In the first quarter of 1999, some of the components of diesel fuel were detected in a water sample taken from a well below the clearwater pond. Although the levels were low, I notified the Division of Water Quality. None was detected in the second quarter sample.

13. Revegetation

We found a small ( about 20X30 feet) patch of tall whitetop just north of the pumphouse. Although this is not within the disturbed area, it is on NEICO's property, and land owners are obligated to control noxious weeds.

There is little growing on the newly-seeded topsoil pile other than halogeton, but we still have hopes some of what remains of the seeded plants will give some cover.

Copy of this Report:

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

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature

Paul B. Baker #41

Date: August 13, 1999