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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: November 13, 1989
7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Permittee and/or Operators Name: KAISER COAL CORPORATION
 Business Address: P. O. BOX 1107 RATON, NEW MEXICO 87740
 Mine Name: HORSE CANYON Permit Number: ACT/007/013
 Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Other
 County: CARBON State: UT
 Company Official(s): JOHN PALFY
 State Official(s): BILL WARMACK
 Partial: Complete: Date of Last Inspection: OCTOBER 11, 1989
 Weather Conditions: WARM
 Acreage: Permitted Disturbed 50 Regraded Seeded Bonded 50
 Enforcement Action: NONE

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	(X)	()	()	(X)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	(X)	()	()	()
3. TOPSOIL	(X)	()	()	()
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	()
b. DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	()
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	(X)	()	()	(X)
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(X)	()	()	(X)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	(X)	()	()	(X)
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	(X)	()	()	()
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	(X)	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND SPOIL	(X)	()	()	()
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	(X)	()	()	(X)
8. NONCOAL WASTE	(X)	()	()	()
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	(X)	()	()	()
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	()	()	(X)	()
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	(X)	()	()	()
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	()	()	(X)	()
13. REVEGETATION	(X)	()	()	()
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	(X)	()	()	()
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	(X)	()	()	()
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	()	()	(X)	()
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	(X)	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	()	()	(X)	()
d. MAINTENANCE	(X)	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	(X)	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	(X)	()	()	()

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

GENERAL

Mr. John Palfy of North American Consultants, Inc. represented Kaiser Coal Corporation during this complete inspection. Information was provided at the mine site location regarding oil and gas well drilling/seismic blasting near Turtle Canyon, approximately 28 miles from the site along a BLM access road. Evidently, Chevron was issued a permit by the BLM to conduct drilling activities. Mr. Steve Falk (BLM) concurred with these findings and further stated that the operations will be conducted on BLM land.

Overall, the mine site appeared in good condition. However, there has not been any measurable precipitation in the area for quite some time as evidenced by the accumulations of dust along the BLM access road. Additional vandalism to the buildings or facilities was not indicated at this time.

1. PERMITS

The current status of Kaiser's Horse Canyon Mine has not changed since being addressed in the July 26, 1989, report. The current insurance policy for Kaiser will expire on November 15, 1989. Mr. Palfy was aware of this upcoming deadline and stated a new insurance package is being processed. When completed, copies of the insurance certificate will be sent to the Division's Salt Lake and Price offices.

4c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

All ponds were dry and did not show any sign of instability or recent discharge. Pond inspections were completed through the Third Quarter 1989. All reports indicated a dry, no discharge state for all ponds.

4d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

All silt fences and straw bales were in place and functional. No repairs or maintenance work is required at this time. The two silt fences at the refuse/landfill area have been cleaned as suggested in the October 11, 1989 inspection report.

4e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Water monitoring for surface stations B-1, HC-1, RF-1, and RS-2 was complete through October 1989. When flows were present, a chemical analysis was performed and these results were also reviewed. Third Quarter water sampling data was sent to the Division on November 6, 1989, and included

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First and Second Quarter data. The NPDES reporting forms were complete for all ponds through October 31, 1989 and indicated no discharge. The Right Fork of Horse Canyon was flowing (approximately 1 gpm) during this inspection.

7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE

Certified inspections for the upper and lower refuse piles were complete for the Third Quarter on July 9, 1989. No associated instability or other problems were noted.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: John Palfy (KCC)

Mailed to SLC for: Joe Helfrich, DOGM; Brian Smith, OSM

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Inspectors Signature and Number: William A. Warmack #30 Date: Nov. 13, 1989

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