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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: _____ Complete: XXX Exploration: _____
Inspection Date & Time: 12/7/2000 / 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Date of Last Inspection: 11/24/2000

Mine Name: Horse Canyon Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: C/007/013
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.
Business Address: P.O. Box 986, Price, Utah 84501
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface _____ Prep. Plant _____ Other _____
Company Official(s): Katie Nash
State Official(s): Paul Baker, Mary Ann Wright, and Lowell Braxton Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy, 30-40's, a few inches of snow in protected areas
Existing Acreage: Permitted 6461.83 Disturbed 74.26 Regraded 52 Seeded 51.56
Status: Active Reclamation XXX

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 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/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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" 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 (4 th Quarter- April, May, June)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

Note: The inspection was concentrated on the area near the remaining buildings. We drove by the lower part of the disturbed area but did not look closely.

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

On October 16, 2000, the Division sent a letter with a technical analysis for amendment LF00B. The permittee was required to correct certain deficiencies and respond by November 30, 2000, or the Division would return the application. On December 5, 2000, the Division returned the application. The ownership and control sections of both the existing mining and reclamation plan and the application for the Lila Canyon Mine need to be accurate and current.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

I requested copies of the quarterly pond inspection reports at the beginning of the inspection, but the employees at the resident agent's office were not able to find them. The Division routinely requests a written record of the quarterly non-certified inspection reports, but the regulations do not specifically require a written inspection report. Nevertheless, I strongly recommend the operator or his resident agent keep a written record of pond inspections.

The upper sediment pond was dry, and the embankment appeared stable.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The report for the March 2000 inspection indicates water monitoring had been conducted the week before the inspection; however, in spite of three requests, I have not seen any of the results from the first quarter. The only results from third quarter available at the office were for RF-1 which only had standing water. I asked for all of this information in two telephone conversations during the week of November 20, 2000, and I also requested it during this inspection. The permittee's representatives were not able to supply the information. In addition, the Division has no record of receiving this data. I am issuing violation N2000-41-1-1 for failing to submit the required information and for failing to have it available during the inspection.

16B. ROADS: DRAINAGE CONTROLS

Culvert 5 across the road from the upper sediment pond needs to be cleaned. There has been some sediment in this culvert for the past two months, but there has now been some dirt from the slope above this culvert slough into the inlet. This needs to be completed before the next inspection.

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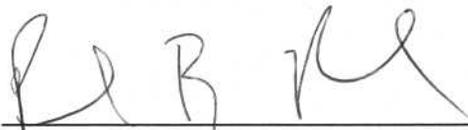
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21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

The insurance policy expires June 1, 2001. The coverage limits are \$2,000,000 general aggregate and \$1,000,000 for each occurrence. The Acord form does not include the Horse Canyon Mine permit number, but it does include the MSHA number, 42-00100.

The bond is with Lincoln General Insurance Company, number SUR004892, for \$1,137,726. The Division accepted this bond on December 14, 1998.

Inspector's Signature: _____



Paul B. Baker #41

Date: December 8, 2000

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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