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July 9, 1980

Mr. Ron Daniels  
Coordinator of Mined Land Development  
Department of Natural Resources  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find a copy(s) of on-site inspection report. The inspection was conducted within Gordon Creek #2 Mine during the period of June 3, 1980.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Ehmett  
Acting Assistant Regional Director  
Division of Inspection & Enforcement

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## REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

BEAVER CREEK COAL COMPANY  
GORDON CREEK #2 MINE  
1109 South Carbon Avenue  
Price, Utah 84501  
(801) 637-5050

DATE: June 3, 1980  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
WEATHER: Clear and warm  
COUNTY & STATE: Carbon County, Utah  
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Dan Guy  
STATE OFFICIALS: Joe Helfrich and Mary Kay Stein  
OSM OFFICIALS: Larry Damrau and Dan Martinez  
STATE PERMIT NO: ACT/007/016  
MSHA I.D. NUMBER: 42-00125  
OSM ENFORCEMENT  
ACTIONS: Notice of Violation Number 80-5-3-9 (5),  
issued June 3, 1980

### Compliance With Interim Regulations

#### 717.11 General Obligations

During the inspection, two portions of the surface area affected by the mining operation, which were not addressed within the presently approved mining and reclamation plan, were observed. Violation Number 1 of Notice of Violation (NOV) #80-5-3-9 was issued to the company for operating without a permit. One portion of the operation to which the violation applied, was the road construction and culvert installation conducted northwest of the west portals within the SW1/4 of Section 18, Township 13S, Range 8E. According to Mr. Guy, the construction activities were conducted in the spring of 1979. At the time of this inspection, surface drainage from the unaffected area above the minesite was passing through the 48 inch culvert.

Another area to which the violation applied was the fan portal area located east of the west portals and north of the access/haulroad within the NE1/4, SE1/4 of Section 18, Township 13S, Range 8E.

A copy of all current permits and approved plans, requested during the inspection, were available at the company mining office in Price, Utah.

#### 717.14 Backfilling and Grading

All surface areas disturbed by the mining operation are still being utilized by the company. Therefore, no backfilling and grading operations have been conducted.

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717.15 Disposal of Excess Rock and Earth Materials on Surface Areas

Excess rock and earth materials are not deposited on surface areas at this mine.

717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System

During the inspection the berm constructed along the south portion of the surface facilities area, adjacent to the haulroad and the major eastern drainage through Bryner Canyon, was observed to have been breached at several points. Rills and gullies were observed from the points at which the berm was breached, leading into the natural drainage. Violation Number 2 of NOV #80-5-3-9 was issued for failure to pass surface drainage from the disturbed area through sedimentation ponds.

During the inspection, it was noted that water samples taken by the company during the April and May surface water monitoring, exceeded total suspended solids for monitoring point 2-2-W, located south and west of the minesite. Violation Number 3 of NOV #80-5-3-9 was issued for failure to meet effluent limitations.

The diversion of the natural drainage of Bryner Canyon was observed to have material deposited within the diversion structure due to natural sloughing of earth materials on the south side of the diversion and coal from the stockpile area pushed and/or deposited into the diversion on the north side. Violation Number 4 of NOV #80-5-3-9 was issued for failure to design, construct, and maintain diversion structures to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids to the streamflow.

Coal fines and coal chunks were observed on top of the berms, on the outslope of the berms, and within the streamflow of Bryner Canyon. The coal was apparently removed from the roads and surface facilities areas during maintenance and snow removal operations and deposited onto tops and outslopes of the berms. Violation Number 5 of NOV # 80-5-3-9 was issued for failure to maintain access and haulroads so as to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids to streamflow.

717.18 Dams Constructed of or Impounding Waste Materials

No dams are constructed of or impound waste materials at this mine.

717.20 Topsoil Handling and Revegetation

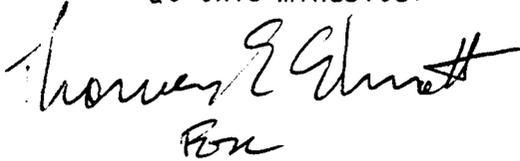
No topsoil had been removed, stockpiled, and protected prior to conducting mining operations in the area. According to Mr. Guy, the area affected by the road construction and culvert installation (see Violation

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Number 1) had been previously disturbed and adequate topsoil did not exist on the area. Although the area had been affected in the spring of 1979, no revegetation operations had been conducted in the area.

Comments

It is noted that the operator conducted extremely poor general house-keeping and maintenance in association with the surface area disturbances at this minesite.



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LARRY DAMRAU  
RECLAMATION SPECIALIST