

INSPECTION MEMO TO COAL FILE:

November 16, 1981

RE: Gordon Creek #2 Mine  
 Beaver Creek Coal Co.  
 ACT/007/016  
 Carbon County, Utah

The above mentioned mine was given a partial inspection on October 22, 1981, by Jean Dautre of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, accompanied by Dave Meyer, associate environmental coordinator for ARCO.

Several areas of concern that had been cited previously had been addressed.

1. The berm along the stream channel on the lower pad had been rebuilt to about three feet or more. Ponding from fresh snow was in evidence at the time of inspection, but a call from Mr. Meyer said this had been regraded to better drain the area.
2. The test plot area in West Bryner Canyon had been revegetated with a variety of grass species. This was snow covered but sheep had trodden some of the area. A call from Mr. Meyer suggested the sheep had been removed from the mountain range.
3. The culvert was clean and the steep banks were stable. Straw bale dikes have been replaced to reduce erosion in the area.
3. The upper pad area near the mine portal is being used to store mine timber and concrete blocks. The area has been regraded and the fan area is being resurfaced with gravel to reduce erosion by the high velocity air.
4. Seepage from a spring above the mine portal has been diverted off the disturbed area to avoid erosion. A bypass is provided for access up left Bryner Canyon.
5. The large diesel tank requires a berm around it to contain any spills from this tank. They are trying to get a permit from the owner to bury this tank for better protection and safety. This concern will be followed up on at the next inspection.

  
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 RECLAMATION OFFICER

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cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM  
 Inspection Staff

Statistics: See Church Mines Memo of October 20, 1981.

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