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June 22, 1982

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

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

Sandy Pruitt and John Whitehead of the Division conducted a partial inspection of Gordon Creek #2 Mine with Dave Meyer from Beaver Creek Coal Company. The purpose of the inspection was to follow-up on NAOC 82-2-6-2 issued June 9, 1982.

The flow from the natural seeps located along the exploration road up the Left Hand Fork of Bryner Canyon above the Gordon Creek #2 Mine was temporarily controlled. Flow from the seeps was following a direct conveyance down the road to the culvert entering into the stock pond below the #2 mine pad via the channel conveyor belt, thus minimizing erosion as required.

Concern was noted based on the very temporary nature of the control measure. The drainage channel near the end of the road bordering the permit area was not as well defined as necessary to prevent washout from an average to major summer precipitation event; thus resulting in uncontrolled drainage once again. While recognizing that conditions are too wet to allow machinery to regrade the road, it would be feasible to implement a hand dug ditch along the inside of the road edge to provide a more permanent drainage to the culvert.

A copy of Mr. Jacob's request to leave open the drill hole exploration road for a cattle access trail was hand delivered during the inspection. Receipt of this letter abated item 1 of NAOC 82-2-6-2, #2 of 2.

Dan Guy showed the inspectors a map with revised drainage plans for the Gordon Creek #2 Mine yard. The plans indicated the specific design of drainage for the seeps exposed by the exploration road construction. All seeps were channeled directly down the road to a drop drain feeding the culvert draining into the stock pond. Receipt of an updated surface facilities map and drawings and design specifications for the headwall and drop drain for the seeps (anticipated by June 22, 1982) should provide complete abatement of items 2 and 3 of NAOC 82-2-6-2, #2 of 2.


JOHN WHITEHEAD
RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Dave Meyer, Beaver Creek Coal Company
Inspection Staff

JW/btb

Statistics:

Vehicle: #EX 70237--432 miles
Per Diem: 2 persons X 1 day, 8 hours = \$85.10
Grant: A & E