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April 29, 1982

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

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

On April 7, 1982, Division Inspectors Ken Wyatt and Joe Helfrich conducted a partial inspection of the Gordon Creek #2 Mine. Inspectors informed Beaver Creek Coal Company personnel of the inspection but were unaccompanied during the tour.

During the March 1982 inspection, Beaver Creek Coal Company was recommended to submit plans concerning the reclamation or exemption of a small area east of the bathhouse and south of the sediment pond. This area had no sediment control for runoff and is downhill from the sediment pond inlet. Any runoff from this area would leave the minesite untreated. No plans were developed by the time of this inspection. Inspectors observed and sampled runoff flowing from this area onto the access road. This runoff then flowed east down the road and was channeled into Bryner Creek about 300 feet west of the mine's gate. Analysis indicated total suspended solid levels of 26040.0 mg/l in the water entering Bryner Creek. NOV 82-7-3-1 was issued for failure to pass disturbed area runoff through a sediment control structure prior to leaving the permit area and failure to minimize additional contributions of suspended solids to streamflow or runoff outside the permit area.

Beaver Creek Coal Company was given 30 days to submit plans to the Division ensuring that runoff from the disturbed area is passed through a sediment control facility prior to leaving the permit area. Maintenance of these structures is required to ensure that runoff continues to be treated and to minimize erosion of the Class I access road's downslope. These plans should be submitted no later than May 7, 1982 and should be implemented immediately upon Division approval.

The sediment pond still has not discharged at the time of this inspection. The oil skimmer that was to be installed in March (see March 15, 1982, memo) has not been attached. Mr. Dan Guy stated the recent weather has prohibited this installation but it would be connected to the outlet.

Ken Wyatt
KEN WYATT
RECLAMATION OFFICER

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

KW/btb

Statistics:

Vehicle: #EX 45428--579 miles
Per Diem: 2 persons X 2 days, 9.5 hours = $168.82
Grant: A & E