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Inspection Memo  
to Coal File:

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

DATE: March 3 and 4, 1982  
TIME: 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., respectively  
WEATHER: Cold, Snow  
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Dave Meyers  
STATE OFFICIALS: Ken Wyatt, Sandy Pruitt  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: None

Compliance With Permanent Performance Standards

771 et al Permits

Interim approval to mine was given in a letter from Ron Daniels of DOGM dated May 11, 1978. According to Gordon Creek #2's MRP, a Water Rights Certificate dated May 19, 1969, is available for this mine. This certificate was not examined and should be at the next quarterly complete inspection.

817.11 Signs and Markers

The mine identification sign and perimeter markers were posted as required.

817.21-.25 Topsoil

No new developments have been undertaken requiring topsoil removal, storage and protection.

817.41-.52 Hydrologic Balance

Disturbed area runoff is conveyed to the sediment pond via graded pads, berms and ditches. Maintenance of these berms and ditches is needed to ensure that drainage reaches the sediment pond. At the time of this inspection, the entire mine area was very muddy. The channel east of the bathhouse leading to the sediment pond requires continual maintenance since it is the lowest channel collecting disturbed area runoff. Vehicular traffic to the minesite constantly crosses through this channel, hence failure to maintain it could result in disturbed area runoff flowing down the road bypassing the sediment pond.

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The sediment pond has not discharged but water levels were several inches below the overflow pipe. It's probable that a discharge will occur within the next few weeks. Inspectors were concerned about a possible discharge and the lack of an oil skimmer on the pond's overflow pipe. This was discussed with Mr. Dan Guy at Beaver Creek Coal Company's offices on March 5, 1982. He stated an oil skimmer in the form of an inverted elbow would be placed on the overflow pipe within the next few days.

Undisturbed runoff from the right fork of Bryner Canyon is culverted below the portal pad and material storage pad where it junctions with the undisturbed runoff from the left fork. An undisturbed diversion channel is located along the southern edge of the disturbed area. This diversion channel is protected from the disturbed area by a berm.

Snow removal activities have pushed snow and debris to the top of this berm. In future snow events, the operator should exercise greater care to protect the undisturbed drainage against contamination from snow removal activities.

A small area exists below the lowest disturbed area drainage channel. This area is located east of the bathhouse and south of the sediment pond. Runoff from this area flows down the road untreated. Currently, the area is not used for a specific purpose. Inspectors asked the operator to either reclaim this or submit plans requesting a small area exemption within the next thirty (30) days.

817.52 Surface and Ground Water Monitoring

A NPDES permit, #UT-0023124, was issued October 11, 1977, and expires June 30, 1982. This permit allows discharge into Bryner Creek. As of this inspection, the pond has never discharged, however, a future discharge is likely.

Water monitoring data were examined for the fourth quarter 1981 and January 1982. Bryner Creek was dry or frozen on all four sample dates.

817.89 Disposal of Noncoal Waste

Noncoal waste is collected and stored in a pit located west of the sediment pond and east of the fuel tanks. A dump truck is used to haul these wastes to the Price City Landfill.

The SPCC containment pit located at the base of the fuel tanks contained some oils and water. Inspectors were concerned about drainage from this pit flowing into the noncoal waste pit via a small channel. Mr. Meyers stated that straw bales were placed in this channel to filter any such drainage. Snow covered these bales at the time of this inspection, so they should be examined on the next inspection.

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817.111-.117 Revegetation

Mr. Meyers stated that reseeding of the sediment pond's east banks and the drill pad is to be done this spring.

817.150-.176 Roads

The roads throughout the mine area were extremely muddy due to recent snow melt. Maintenance of the road surfaces and ditches was in progress at the time of this inspection.

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KEN WYATT  
RECLAMATION OFFICER

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David Meyers, Beaver Creek Coal Company  
Inspection Staff

KW/btb

Statistics:

See Utah #2 Mine memo dated March 8, 1982