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MINE SITE EVALUATION INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTOR NUMBER DIVISION OF 0242 INSPECTION DATE 08/02/83
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I. MINE SITE

- 1. Permittee Beaver Creek Coal Co.
- 2. Permittee Address
P. O. Box AU
Price UT 84501
- 3. Location of Mine
 - a. County CARBON
 - b. State UTAH
- 4. Name of Mine GORDON CREEK #2
- 5. Telephone (801) 637-5050
- 6. Date of Last State Inspection 06/01/83
- 7. Permit No. ACT/007/016
MSHA No. _____
OSM No. ACT/007/016
- 8. Status (check one)
 - a. Active
 - b. In reclamation
 - c. Inactive
 - d. Abandoned
- 9. Type of Facility
 - a. Surface
 - b. Underground
 - c. Other -
Specify _____
- 10. Steep Slope
 - Yes _____
 - No X
- 11. Mountain Top Removal
 - Yes _____
 - No X
- 12. Prime Farm Land
 - Yes _____
 - No X

II. TYPE OF OSM INSPECTION

- A. Complete Inspection: Check appropriate box
 - 1. Statistical Sample Inspection
 - 2. Others (citizen complaint inspections or second phase/ assistance inspections - specify.)

- B. Other-Than-Complete-Inspection: Check appropriate box and reason for inspection.
 - 1. Statistical Sample Follow-up (date of Complete Inspection _____.)

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- (a) 10-Day Notice follow-up (State failed to notify OSM or to take appropriate action).
- (b) Federal NOV follow-up.
- (c) Federal CO follow-up.
- (d) Others - Specify _____

2. Citizen Complaint Inspections

- (a) Citizen's Complaint - imminent hazard or harm to public or to environment.
- (b) Citizen's Complaint - 10-Day Notice follow-up (State failed to notify OSM or take appropriate action).
- (c) Citizen's Complaint - 10-Day Notice follow-up (sample).
- (d) Other - Specify _____

III. COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

Indicate the appropriate number for each performance standard (See instructions for clarification of the numbering system):

- 1. In compliance,
- 2. Not in compliance (State took action),
- 3. Not in compliance (State has not taken action),
- 4. Not in compliance (other),
- 5. Not applicable.

A. Performance standards that limit the effects of surface mining to the permit area:

<u>2 & 3</u>	1. Run-off control	<u>1</u>	6. Ground water monitoring
<u>1</u>	2. Surface water monitoring		7. Haul road maintenance
<u>2 & 3</u>	3. Mining within permit boundaries	<u>4</u>	8. Refuse impoundment
<u>1</u>	4. Blasting procedures	<u>5</u>	9. Signs and markers
<u>1</u>	5. Effluent limits	<u>1</u>	

B. Performance standards that assure reclamation quality and timeliness:

<u>1</u>	1. Topsoil handling	<u>1</u>	7. Timing of revegetation
<u>1</u>	2. Backfilling & grading		
<u>1</u>	3. Timing of reclamation	<u>1</u>	8. Highwall elimination
<u>1</u>	4. Success of revegetation		
<u>1</u>	5. Disposal of excess spoil	<u>5</u>	9. Downslope spoil disposal
<u>1</u>	6. Handling of acid or toxic materials	<u>1</u>	10. Post mining land use

C. For each standard marked (2), what action(s) has the State taken to cause the violation to be corrected?

NOV 83-6-2 was issued by the State on 8/2/83 following an earlier inspection. Violation 1 of 2 was issued for failure to maintain sediment control measures at the water filling truck station. A berm had breached and a great deal of erosion had taken place on the pad due to heavy rains and pond overflow. At the time of this inspection (8/2/83) the berm had been repaired, but work remained to be done on the pad and pond. The abatement dates given are 2 weeks for the berm and 30 days for the other work.

Violation 2 of 2 was issued for failure to protect an area outside of the permit boundary, east of the sediment pond. Perimeter markers had been placed along this side of the sediment pond. A dozer apparently got stuck in this area and left deep ruts beyond the perimeter markers. At the time of this OSM inspection the material was still too wet to allow heavy equipment to correct the situation. The abatement dates given for this violation are 30 days to submit a map showing disturbed and bonded areas and 60 days to permit and bond disturbed area.

D. For each standard marked (3), indicate what action(s) the State should have taken.

The State inspector was not along on the OSM inspection and could not take action at that time. A large stockpile of sand is stored off the permit area, just below the gate to the Gordon Creek #2 mine. This sand is used by Beaver Creek Coal Company for maintenance work on the county/haul road. The sand pile is located along the road next to Bryner Creek. No sediment control measures have been employed and evidence of erosion was observed. Therefore, Ten-Day Notice 83-II-242-6 was issued for failure to prevent additional contributions of sediment to streamflow and conducting mining related activities off the permit area.

- E. For each standard marked (4), explain why it is unknown whether or not the State has failed to take appropriate action.

There is a question as to whether the haul road should be required to meet Class I standards in relation to sediment control or whether it should be exempt because it was an existing county road. An agreement was signed by Beaver Creek Coal Company and Carbon County Commissioners on road maintenance in 1975. This was later amended on 4/30/81 defining responsibilities as follows:

Beaver Creek Coal Company is responsible for 1) furnishing equipment and manpower for snow removal, 2) grading and maintaining the graveled portion of the road, 3) furnishing and delivering gravel over 500 tons.

The county is responsible for 1) maintaining the blacktop portion of the road (which is below the mines) except for snow removal, 2) furnishing and delivering pit run gravel, 3) furnishing and delivering up to 500 tons of crushed gravel.

It appears that the company has the overwhelming responsibility for maintenance on the portion of the road between the Gordon Creek mines. There is little or no use by the public of this part of the road. Overall the road is well maintained. However, several large gullies were noted along the road between the Gordon Creek #2 mine and the water filling/truck station. Sediment from the road would enter Bryner Creek directly, where these gullies are located. OSM's Field Solicitor is currently researching previous court decisions on similar cases. OSM will make a decision on this matter in the near future.

- F. Does the mining and reclamation plan for the permit comply with the approved State Program? yes x no _____.

If no, explain _____

Do conditions exist that are not adequately addressed in the permit? yes x no _____.

If yes, explain _____

NO detailed information on haul roads.

G. Indicate State inspection frequency for this annual review period.

Number of completes 1 (5/1/83 to 4/30/84)
Number of partials 1

H. Comments and recommendations

IV. ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION - FEDERAL

- 1. 10-Day Notice Number 83-II-242-6
- 2. NOV Number _____
- 3. CO Number _____

V. VIOLATION CODES

ATO SM BG HE RG IF TH SP EL WM BZ RD DM BL RVG SD MWP EP DP OV

							X										X		
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VI. ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

- 2 1. Hours travel to and from site
- 10 2. Acreage of permit
- 3 hrs 3. Inspection time (on site)
- * 3 hrs 4. Permit review time
- 3 hrs 5. Report-writing time
- * 2 hours in office and 1 at mine.

Jodie Merriman
Signature

8-22-83
Date

JODIE MERRIMAN
Print Name of Authorized Representative

[Signature]
Reviewed By

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Date