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April 21, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company
Gordon Creek #2 Mine
ACT/007/016
Folder No. 7
Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection was conducted at the above noted minesite by John Whitehead on April 14, 1983. He was accompanied by Scott Raymond of Beaver Creek Coal Company. The primary purpose of the inspection was to orient this inspector to the minesite, this being his first inspection there.

At the extreme western end of the minesite adjacent to the fan, snow removal activities apparently pushed material over the edge of the pad onto the downslope. Melting of this snow and mud mixture on the downslope posed the potential for runoff leaving the site untreated and entering the Bryner Creek drainage. While the inspection was being performed, the operator constructed a diversion ditch to contain runoff from this downslope onto the permit area prior to entering the Bryner Creek drainage. The corrective action undertaken by the operator avoided a noncompliance situation. Additionally, the berm which was across from the fan area will need to be upgraded and reestablished to prevent such occurrences in the future.

The adequacy of perimeter markers at this minesite could not be determined during the inspection. Mr. Raymond could not indicate to this inspector the location of perimeter markers. This will be followed up during the next regular inspection.

Significant erosion was occurring underneath the staircase which goes from the truck loadout area up to the office trailer. The operator indicated that this was the result of a malfunctioning culvert during the winter season. The operator also indicated that this area would be addressed and corrected prior to the next regular inspection.



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Statistics:

See Knight Mine memo dated April 19, 1983