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February 8, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

#7

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

A follow up inspection was conducted on January 5, 1983 by Scott Raymond and Sandy Pruitt to determine the extent of abatement action completed for NOV N82-2-13-1. There had been no snow removed from the undisturbed drainage or from the seeded area northeast of the bathhouse, nor had the inlet to the sediment pond been cleared of obstruction as required. Frozen drainage patterns were evidence that additional runoff had flowed past the sediment pond since the NOV was issued.

Beaver Creek had cleared a snow disposal site at the west end of the sediment pond by removing the sediment previously stockpiled there for use as a substitute to topsoil. Mr. Raymond did not know where the sediment had been removed to. Following the inspection he determined that the sediment was temporarily disposed of near the Wildcat loadout. The specific location was still unknown although it was apparent that mine waste had been disposed off-site. Although analysis of the material was good, it had not yet been approved for use as a substitute material to topsoil. Beaver Creek Coal Company had attempted to salvage the material for use in final reclamation by relocating it off-site due to space limitations within the mine yard. It was required that BCCC either permit the off-site storage of the sediment or dispose of it at C. V. Spur. BCCC was given until January 10, 1983 to address the problem.

A follow up inspection was conducted on January 10, 1983 at which time all of the sediment had been removed to the C. V. Spur and was observed in the refuse disposal site. The contractor had worked over the weekend to complete this job. The unauthorized storage site at the Wildcat loadout was located within a truck turnaround north of the coal stockpiles and railroad loadout. An inspection determined that all of the waste had been removed and there was no evidence of any damage to the already disturbed trucking area resulting from the temporary storage there.

SANDY PRUITT
FIELD SPECIALIST

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cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Scott Raymond, BCCC
Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Statistics:

See C & W memo, dated January 12, 1983 for January 5 statistics
Vehicle: #EX 45424 - 289 miles
Per Diem: None