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TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement
FROM: Ken Wyatt, Mining Field Specialist *KW*
RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek #2 & 7 Mine,
ACT/007/016, Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection of the above referenced mine was conducted on November 8, 1984 by Ken Wyatt of the Division. Dan Guy of Beaver Creek Coal Company accompanied this inspector into the minesite. The weather was cloudy and cold with snow showers toward the end of the inspection.

The topsoil stockpile for the #7 Mine construction was examined. The berm and strawbale protection was intact around the base of the stockpile. Settling cracks were observed at the base of the stockpile on the northeast side. Discussion with the operator indicated that these cracks were observed during previous inspections. No immediate problems were apparent from these cracks, however, this area should be carefully scrutinized during the spring thaw.

The undisturbed diversion south of the topsoil stockpile was examined in the vicinity of the drainage channel that has experienced debris flows in the past. A discussion was held concerning these debris flows. Inspections next spring should examine for additional debris flows and possible impacts on the undisturbed diversion.

The #2 Mine Sediment Pond was close to a discharge status. Mr. Guy explained that the water tank valve had been replaced and that future inputs of culinary water would not occur. He further indicated that the pond would be decanted to provide volume for future runoff events. Beaver Creek should monitor the quality of any discharges.

New rock/straw gabions were recently installed in the ditch adjacent to the #7 mine conveyor. These gabions will treat the runoff generated from the conveyor line and the access road. Construction consisted of small rock placed behind a chain link fence retention structure. Straw was then mixed with rock in the upstream sections of the gabions. This will serve to filter and trap sediment, coal fines and grease before entering the road's cross culverts and the natural drainage.

No compliance problems were encountered.

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Statistics: See Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek #3 & 6 Mine memo dated November 19, 1984
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