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TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist TW
RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek 2 and 7,
ACT/007/016, Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

On February 21, 1985 I conducted a partial inspection of the Gordon Creek #2 and #7 site. Dan Guy of Beaver Creek accompanied me on the inspection. The weather was sunny and warm.

Some work has been done by the operator to improve the site sediment controls. In locations where contaminated snow had been stockpiled close to berms on past inspections the stockpiles had been moved to more secure positions. Ditches for routing disturbed flow from the #2 pad to the sediment pond had been cleaned and maintained. The operator was using a cobblestone material to increase the height of berms at the entrance of the #2 pad to prevent contaminated runoff from leaving the area by the road surface.

Additional strawbales had been placed for sediment control in the road ditchline next to the upslope. Mr. Guy indicated that additional bales would be placed in the ditch line shortly.

Runoff from the disturbed area was flowing into the sediment pond for the #2 mine pad. The pond surface itself was frozen but it appeared that the volume of water present was near capacity.

From the the roaring sound coming from the culvert it appeared that discharge was occurring. However, due to the steepness of the slope at the discharge point and heavy snow cover I was unable to sample any discharge.

I advised Mr. Guy that access for sampling must be available and suggested that some method for sampling from the discharge culvert be constructed at a more accessible spot. Mr. Guy indicated that this was possible and a hinged door could be cut in the top of the discharge culvert to allow sampling.

The surface of the mine haulroad just below the entrance to the mine pad had begun to thaw and turned mushy. This area extended approximately 100 feet down the road toward the main highway. No runoff from this area was leaving the road surface and no signs of

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any damage were found. Although no violations had developed on this area the operator should maintain the surface to prevent any possible violations in the future.

No violations were noted on this inspection.

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Statistics: See Beaver Creek Coal Huntington #4 memo dated
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