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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: Record Review 2/27/91; 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Field Inspection 2/28/91; 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Beaver Creek Coal Company (BCCC)
Business Address: P.O. Box 1378, Price, Utah 84501
Mine Name: Gordon Creek #2, 7 & 8 Permit Number: ACT/007/016
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Other
County: Carbon Company Official(s): Dan Guy
State Officials(s): Henry Sauer
Federal Official(s): None
Partial: Complete X Date of last Inspection: 1/17/91
Weather Conditions: Snowing
Acreage: Permitted 2289 Disturbed 17.2 Regraded Seeded
Bonded 17.2 Enforcement Action: None

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	(X)	()	()	(X)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	(X)	()	()	()
3. TOPSOIL	(X)	()	()	(X)
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	()
b. DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	(X)	()	()	()
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(X)	()	()	()
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	(X)	()	()	()
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	(X)	()	()	()
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	(X)	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE & SPOIL	(X)	()	()	()
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	()	()	(X)	()
8. NONCOAL WASTE	(X)	()	()	()
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	(X)	()	()	()
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	(X)	()	()	()
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	(X)	()	()	()
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	(X)	()	()	(X)
13. REVEGETATION	(X)	()	()	(X)
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	(X)	()	()	()
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	()	()	(X)	()
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	(X)	()	()	()
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	(X)	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	(X)	()	()	()
d. MAINTENANCE	(X)	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	(X)	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	(X)	()	()	()

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

General Comments

Mr. Dan Guy (BCCC) accompanied the undersigned inspector on this complete state inspection. Records were reviewed in BCCC's office on ~~January~~^{Feb.} 27, 1991 and the field inspection was conducted on ~~January~~^{Feb.} 28, 1991. During the field inspection, snow was falling and approximately three inches of snow had accumulated on the ground. The mine is presently shut down and demolition activities have begun. However, because of winter weather, full scale demolition activities will not begin in earnest until later this spring.

1) Permits

In a letter addressed to Mr. Dan Guy from Pamela Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM), dated December 13, 1990, the Division approved a request by the operator to delay backfilling of the sealed portals until the summer of 1991.

New sediment pond as-builts of Pond 2, Pond 7, and Sweet's Pond were received by the Division on October 1, 1990, and approved on October 2, 1990, by Mrs. Grubaugh-Littig (letter to Mr. Guy from Mrs. Grubaugh-Littig, October 2, 1990).

A rider to bond U-629965 (United Pacific Insurance Co.), was amended as of September 13, 1990. The amendment revised the bonded acreage from 2,286.05 to 17.2 acres. The document was notarized by Cora V. Rodriguez, Los Angeles County.

According to BCCC records, UPDES #UT G04004 001 A did not discharge between October 1, 1990, through December 31, 1990. Pond inspections were conducted during the forth quarter of 1990 and no hazards were noted.

Forth quarter water monitoring reports were reviewed and found in good order (reports were mailed to the Division on January 23, 1991).

3) Topsoil

The silt fence above the #2 yard topsoil pile has incurred some damage from spalling rocks. I told Mr. Guy to repair the damaged silt fence.

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4b) Hydrologic Balance: Diversions

The culvert south of the mine office and associated with the stairs was functional but slightly crushed. Mr. Guy informed me that he would remove the culvert and recut the ditch.

12) Backfilling and Grading

The reclamation planned for the #2, 7 & 8 mines calls for only partial reclamation of highwalls, retaining roads (county and access) and general variance from approximate original contour. I informed Mr. Guy that it is imperative to consult the Division prior to backfilling and regrading activities regarding these issues.

13) Revegetation

I observed the reclamation at the Old Fan Portal (reclaimed under the interim regulations). The following recommendations were made: 1) Conduct a vegetation survey this summer to determine cover, and diversity. 2) Order containerized or bare rooted shrub transplants for planting this fall (qualitative observations revealed a woody stem deficit based on a 1000 stem/acre performance standard). 3) Begin formulating plans to conduct erosion control and revegetation activities on the downslope of the fan portal pad area.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Dan Guy, BCCC; John Kathmann, OSM

Given to: Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Inspector's Signature & Number: Henry Lauer #32 Date: 3/5/91