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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: 16 April 1992, 13:30 to 16:30 and
21 April 1992, 08:00 to 10:30

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Mountain Coal Company
Business Address: P.O. Box 1378 Price, Utah 84501
Mine Name: Gordon Creek 3 & 6 Permit Number: ACT/007/017
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Other
County: Carbon Company Official(s): Dan Guy
State Officials(s): Jess Kelley, Bill Malencik
Federal Official(s): None
Partial: X Complete: Date of last Inspection: 26 March 1992
Weather Conditions: Sunny and warm
Acreage: Permitted-668 Disturbed-28 Regraded-8 Seeded-28 Bonded-28
Enforcement Action: None

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

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

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

The site has received quite a bit of moisture this spring. Vegetation is in good condition and dense all over the site. The site is in good shape generally. Jess Kelley of DOGM and Dan Guy of Mountain Coal inspected the site on 4/16/92. On 4/21/92, Jess Kelley and Dan Guy again visited the site, this time with Bill Malencik of DOGM, in order to assess the vegetation on the fill of the #3 Portal area and devise a way to improve it.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE

- (b) Diversions--Ditches are clean and in good condition. The main diversion on top of the pad area is in good condition, as is its rock armor and small check dam structure.
- (c) Sediment Ponds and Impoundments--The sediment pond contained some water, but had not discharged. The pond is in good condition and its embankments are well-vegetated and free from erosion.

13. REVEGETATION

Vegetation is thick grass with some sage and sweet clover. Vegetation is in good condition throughout the site, except on the #3 Portal area fill.

The #3 Portal area fill is a very steep fill located on the north side of the canyon just above the sediment pond. The fill is approximately 170 feet in length and 30 feet high. There is a wide swath of thick vegetation between the fill and the sediment pond. Vegetation is claiming the fill very gradually from the bottom and sides, but the greater part of the fill is bare. So far, there does not appear to have been any erosion of the fill, as there is no accumulation of material at its base and no gullies or rills are present on the fill itself. But the fill area appears to be a potential erosion problem area if more vegetation is not established on it.

The operator has hydromulched the #3 Portal fill once before. The operator will hydromulch the area once again in the fall, in accordance with the discussion between him and Division representatives during the 4/21/92 visit. In the meantime, as an erosion preventative measure, the area should be hand seeded with wild oats and the seeds raked in during the first week of May.

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18. SUPPORT FACILITIES AND UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

All fences are in good repair and are performing their intended function of keeping livestock and other large animals from eating the vegetation. The road corridor through the site is used by stockmen. The road is completely devoid of vegetation while the vegetation on the other side of the fence is undisturbed.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Dan Guy/Mountain Coal; Bernie Freeman/OSM

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Jesse W. Kelly #34 Date: 4/28/92