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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: 3/25/92 - 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Mountain Coal Co.
Business Address: P. O. Box 1378, Price, UT 84501; (801) 637-5050
Mine Name: Gordon Creek #2, #7 & #8 Permit Number: ACT/007/016
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Other
County: Carbon County Company Official(s): Dan Guy
State Officials(s): Henry Sauer
Federal Official(s): None
Partial: X Complete Date of last Inspection: 2/12/92
Weather Conditions: Clear and Warm
Acreage: Permitted 2289 Disturbed 17.2 Regraded 0
Seeded 0 Bonded 17.2 Enforcement Action: None

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	()	()	()	()
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	()	()	()	()
3. TOPSOIL	(X)	()	()	(X)
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	()	()	()	()
b. DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	()	()	()	()
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	()	()	()	()
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	()	()	()	()
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	()	()	()	()
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	(X)	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE & SPOIL	()	()	()	()
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	()	()	(X)	()
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	()	()	(X)	()
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	()	()	(X)	()
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	()	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	()	()	(X)	()
d. MAINTENANCE	()	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	()	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	()	()	()	()

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/016 DATE OF INSPECTION: 10/16 & 17/91

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

GENERAL COMMENT

Dan Guy (MCC) accompanied the undersigned inspector during this partial state inspection. The entire mine site was covered in approximately ten inches of snow. Weather conditions were unseasonably warm. Mr. Guy and I discussed various issues related to the upcoming reclamation of the site.

3. TOPSOIL

I reiterated the need for soil/spoil sampling of the substitute topsoil material in the #2 yard and the access road fill material. Again sampling must be conducted to ascertain the physicochemical characteristics of the material (substitute topsoil) which will end up at the surface of the regraded fill. In addition, the sampling procedure must incorporate the new backfilling plans to insure that no acid and/or toxic or alkalinity producing material exists within four feet of the regraded surface.

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

Mr. Guy expressed the need to evaluate and design, in accordance with the new backfilling and grading plans, a permanent sediment pond. Some of the options are to enlarge the No. 2 Sediment Pond or to relocate a pond at or below the entrance gate and within the Gordon Creek channel. Obviously this will have to be discussed with Division staff and formally approved as a permit amendment.

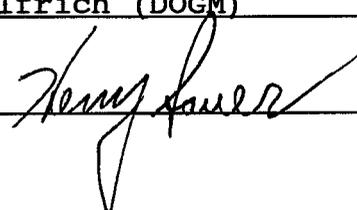
13. REVEGETATION

Presently the permit calls for the sequential seeding of areas as they become available. Because of the topography, which restricts ready access to the various mine sites after backfilling and grading, all reclamation procedures (i.e., fertilize, seed, mulch, etc.) must occur immediately after grading. Therefore, the No. 8 mine will most likely be seeded sometime in late August, early September. This is not the most optimal time to plant. Therefore, reclamation success becomes more risky than normal. The operator must be made aware that in the event of frost and or winter kill reseeding will be required.

Copies of this Report:

Mailed to: Bernie Freeman (OSM); Dan Guy (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  #32 Date: 4/1/92