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# State of Utah

## INSPECTION REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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Partial: X Complete:      Exploration:       
Inspection Date & Time: 31 March 1993/08:00 to 12:00  
Date of Last Inspection: 25 February 1993

Mine Name: Gordon Creek 2, 7 & 8 County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/016  
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Mountain Coal Company  
Business Address: P.O. Box 1378 Price, Utah 84501  
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface      Prep. Plant      Other       
State Official(s): Jess Kelley  
Company Official(s): Dan Guy  
Federal Official(s): None  
Weather Conditions: Sunny, cool, and breezy.  
Existing Acreage: Permitted-2289 Disturbed-17.2 Regraded-     Seeded-     Bonded-17.2  
Increased/Decreased: Permitted-     Disturbed-     Regraded-     Seeded-     Bonded-      
Status: Exploration/Active/X Inactive/Temporary Cessation/Bond Forfeiture  
X Reclamation (Phase I/Phase II/Final Bond Release/Liability Year)

### REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

#### Instructions

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
  - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

|  | EVALUATED                           | N/A                      | COMMENTS                            | NOV/ENF                  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. TOPSOIL   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:   |                                     |                          |                                     |                          |
| a. DIVERSIONS  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. WATER MONITORING  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. EXPLOSIVES  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. NONCOAL WASTE   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. REVEGETATION   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. ROADS:   |                                     |                          |                                     |                          |
| a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) <u>3/31/93</u> (date) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. BONDING & INSURANCE  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## INSPECTION REPORT

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/016

DATE OF INSPECTION: 3/31/93

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

Mining operations ceased at this site in December of 1990. Portals have been closed and sealed and all buildings and other structures have been removed. The operator is presently redoing the reclamation plan as ordered by the Division (Division Order DO-91A). The earthwork phase of final reclamation is expected to take place in the summer of 1993, after Division approval of the new reclamation plan. The site is now covered with about 2 feet of snow, making all surface and drainage features completely invisible. I reviewed the permit and then drove to the site. I was, however, only able to get within about one half mile of the main gate because of the snow.

The only outstanding enforcement action at this site is Division Order DO-91A, which requires that the permittee redo the reclamation plan. Pursuant to this Division Order, the permittee has submitted a new reclamation plan. This plan is now being reviewed by the Division.

### 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

- (a) Permit ACT/007/016 was issued 8/1/89 and is in force through 8/13/94.
- (b) UPDES Permit UTG040004 was issued 5/1/89.
- (c) SPCC (Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure) Plan was certified 1/21/93 by Dan Guy.

### 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE

(b) **Sediment Ponds and Impoundments**--Ponds #2, #7A, and Sweets Pond were inspected for the 4th quarter of 1992 on December 7, 1992 by Mel Coonrod. The annual certified inspection of the ponds for 1992 was done October 27, 1992 by Dan Guy. All ponds have been inaccessible since the last inspection.

(d) **Water Monitoring**--Water monitoring points 2-1W through 2-10W were monitored 12/7/92 and have been inaccessible ever since.

### 19. AVS CHECK

Mountain Coal Company is listed as the permittee on all documents.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Bernie Freeman (OSM), Kathleen G. Welt (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM), Price Field Office (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jesse W. Kelley*

#34 Date: 3/31/93