



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: X Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: February 28, 1994, 12pm - 4pm
Date of Last Inspection: January 27, 1994

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 591, Somerset, CO 81434
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Prep. Plant Other
State Officials(s): Ken Wyatt Company Official(s): None Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Partly cloudy, cold, windy, scattered snow
Existing Acreage: Permitted-2289 Disturbed-17.2 Regraded-0 Seeded-0 Bonded-17.2
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
Status: Exploration/ X Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
a. 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.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

Table with 5 columns: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS; 3. TOPSOIL; 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; 5. EXPLOSIVES; 6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; 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; 14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; 15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; 16. ROADS; 17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; 18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; 19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) (date); 20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT; 21. BONDING & INSURANCE.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

Mr. Dan Guy was contacted by telephone to inform him of this inspection and to invite him to attend. He said that he had driven to the Gordon Creek #3 & #6 mine the previous week and that access was limited due to snow. He declined to accompany me on this inspection.

As Mr. Guy indicated, the mine site is not accessible to vehicles. Snowmobile tracks were observed leading up to the mine gate and into the main pad area. This inspection was conducted on skis. Access to the #8 portal pad was achieved. Recent rain and snow over the weekend had formed a crust which created user unfriendly snow. The entire mine area was snow covered with anywhere from 0 to 2 feet of snow depending on aspect.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The mine entrance was posted with mine ID signs which contained the proper information and the correct address for Mountain Coal Company in Somerset Colorado.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

Snow filled all diversions and covered all pads. No snow was melting due to the cold temperatures and high winds. No runoff was observed onsite.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The sediment ponds were covered with about 12 inches of snow. Neither pond was discharging. Grout was observed in the #2 mine spillway.

Copy of this Report:

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

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Ken Wyatt #7 Date: March 1, 1994