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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: ___ Complete: X Exploration: ___
Inspection Date & Time: 27 January 1994 09:30 to 12:00
Date of Last Inspection: 29 December 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 591 Somerset, Colorado 81434
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface ___ Prep. Plant ___ Other ___
State Officials(s): Jess Kelley Company Officials: Dan Guy (Blackhawk Engineering)
Federal Official(s): None Weather Conditions: Snowing and cold
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
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/EN. Contains 21 rows of inspection items with checkboxes.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

Mining ceased at this site in December of 1990. Portals have been closed, sealed, and backfilled and all buildings and most other structures have been removed. The operator is now formulating a reclamation plan which will be acceptable to OSM, the Division, and the landowner. The earthwork phase of final reclamation is expected to take place in the Spring of 1994, after Division approval of the new reclamation plan.

The only access to this site is Utah State Highway 139, which ends at the entrance to the site. Since the site is inactive, the state no longer maintains the highway in the winter. The site was accessible for this inspection, but snow made drainage ditches, roads, ponds, pads, and other surface features all but invisible.

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

- a. Permit INA/007/016 was issued 8/1/89 and goes through 8/13/94.
- b. UPDES permit UTGO40004 was renewed 7/22/93 and will be in effect through 4/30/98.
- c. SPCC (Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure) plan was certified 2/27/92 by Dan Guy.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE

- b. **Sediment Ponds and Impoundments**--Sediment ponds #2, #7, and Sweets pond were inspected 12/8/93 by Mel Coonrod. The required annual certified pond inspections were done 11/4/93 by Dan Guy.

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d. **Water Monitoring**--The following table is a summary of water monitoring points and the dates on which they were sampled during the 4th quarter of 1993.

Monitoring Point	Type	Location	Sampling Frequency	Dates Sampled
2-1W	Sediment Pond	Sediment Pond	Monthly	10/23, 11/17, 12/8
2-2W	Perennial Stream	North Fork of Gordon Creek	Monthly	10/23, 11/17, 12/8
2-3W	Perennial Stream	Lower Beaver Creek	Monthly or Flowing	N/A
2-4W	Perennial Stream	Upper Beaver Creek	Monthly or Flowing	N/A
2-5W	Spring	Jewkes Spring	Biannually	8/2
2-6W	Spring	Gunnison Spring	Biannually	8/2
2-7W	Ephemeral Stream	Left Fork of Bryner Canyon	Quarterly	11/17
2-8W	Ephemeral Stream	Right Fork of Bryner Canyon	Quarterly	11/17
2-9W	Ephemeral Stream	Below Bryner Canyon	Quarterly	11/17
2-10W	Ephemeral Stream	Inlet to Sediment Pond 1A	Quarterly	11/17

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19. AVS CHECK

An AVS check was performed. All documents list Mountain Coal Company as the permittee.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

- a. Liability Insurance is held with Insurance Company of North America. Policy ISL G1 519134-A is in effect from 1/1/93 through 1/1/96.
- b. Surety Bond U-629965 for \$641,443 is held with United Pacific Insurance Company on 17.2 acres. A 9/13/90 rider changed the name of the bonded party from Beaver Creek Coal Company to Mountain Coal Company.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Bernie Freeman (OSM); Dan Guy (Blackhawk); Kathleen G. Welt (MCC)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM); Price Field Office (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: _____

Jesse N. Kelly

#34 Date: 1/31/94