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TO: File

FROM: Susan M. White, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

RE: Site Visit, Gordon Creek 2, 7, and 8 Mines, Mountain Coal Company, ACT/007/016, File #2, Carbon County, Utah 

I visited the Gordon Creek 2, 7, & 8 Mines on October 12, 1995 to observe the reclamation activities. I was accompanied by Dan Guy. The following notes summarize activities and conversation with Dan Guy:

1. We looked at proposed rip-rap to be used in the spillways of the temporary Ponds 2/7/8; the rip-rap was more of a rounded nature and to be used with grout. The day after the site visit I spoke with the Division Engineer and Hydrologist, about the rip-rap and they okayed its use only with grout for the temporary pond outlets. Mr. Guy was notified of this approval.
2. Attempts were being made to find coarse material to put against the base of the #7 Mine cut slope to act as a drain for any seepage. I saw some rock with a lot of fines being placed. The material did not seem very coarse, but I do not feel as though I am qualified to make a call on this issue. I requested that Jesse Kelley, Division Engineer visit the site.
3. The ponds were in place and almost finished. I expressed concern to Mr. Guy that the ponds were temporarily left for a week without the spillway cut, except for the third pond. Some coal material was excavated, but this was a minor amount.
4. Mr. Guy thought that the ponds and #8 Mine would be seeded at the end of next week and I requested that I be notified the day prior to seeding.
5. I spoke with Mr. Guy of my concerns about doing reclamation work next year prior to fall. He stated that the current contract is for the contractor to finish by the end of July. I reminded him that the permit states that seeding will not occur prior to September.

cc: Dave Darby  
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