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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: ___ Complete: X Exploration: ___

Inspection Date & Time: September 11, 1995 11:00 am to 4:30 pm

Date of Last Inspection: 08/22/95

Mine Name: Gordon Creek Mines 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 Official(s): David W. Darby

Company Official(s): Dan Guy

Federal Official(s): none

Weather Conditions: Cloudy, slight rain showers, snow on ground on # 8 minesite

Existing Acreage: Permitted-2289 Disturbed-17.2 Regraded-___ Seeded-___ 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

- 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____ (date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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GENERAL COMMENTS

The bid for reclamation construction was let to Environmental Industrial Services (EIS), a local company operated by Mel Coonrod. Equipment for construction was mobilized during the first part of the week of September 18. Sedimentation ponds will be constructed first before other earthwork is conducted. Dan Guy was in the process of surveying in the ponds and construction will begin the first part of the week of September 25.

Weather will be a big factor in establishing how much reconstruction activity takes place. The company intends to backfill and grade the areas of #7 and #8 mines first, then work down the canyon to the #2 pad. The operator intends to backfill the sites, spread topsoil and revegetate the area.

I am assigned the lead in working with a DOGM group to ensuring that the reclamation plan and design standards are properly implemented. The DOGM staff will provide technical support through Dan Guy if assistance is necessary. The DOGM staff involved with mine reclamation procedures will consist of Jesse Kelly, Sue White, Randy Harden and me.

Mr. Robert Jewkes, a landowner of the area where Mines 7 and 8 are located has indicated that he wanted a road left on site so he could gain access to his property. Mr. Jewkes was informed that the reclamation plan was approved and that no formal response had been received from him during the comment period. The basis for sending him notice that no access road could be left on site at this late date is because the reclamation plan has already been approved, the existing road would not allow reclamation to meet approximate original contour, there was no road accessing the site prior to Beaver Creek Coal Company developed the mines and no written comments were received that showed that Mr. Jewkes had a right-of-way through Jacobs property to access his land.

Mr. Jewkes indicated during a meeting that took place on September 1, 1995 with Daron Haddock (DOGM) that he intended to pursue the issue farther and intended to contract an attorney.

On September 7, 1995 DOGM received a letter from attorney John Gates representing Robert Jewkes. The letter reiterated Mr. Jewkes interest in maintaining the road through Jacobs property to Jewkes' property. Lowell Braxton responded to Mr. Gates in a letter sent September 21, 1995, in which he identified several times available for public comment on reclamation, and indicated that if Mr. Jewkes wanted to still appeal his case to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining he could submit his petition to do so.

2. Signs and Markers

All signs and markers are properly posted at the site.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM, Denver), Art Abbs (OSM, Albuquerque), Paige Beville (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: David W. Darby David W. Darby #47 Date: 09-22-95

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4. Hydrologic Balance

4a. Diversions

In consideration of some of the larger events that have taken place in the region lately, the ditches and berms were in very good shape.

4b. Sedimentation Pond

All second quarter inspections were conducted by EIS. The ponds were checked during the inspection and both appeared to be structurally stable. Last pond inspection was recorded for 6/26/95, third quarter inspection inspection still needs to be completed.

4d. Water Monitoring

1. All second quarter water monitoring had been conducted on 7/27/95, reports had not been received from the lab to date.

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4e. Effluent Limitations

UPDES permit UTG 040004 is currant, it was reissued on 6/28/95.

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