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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: March 4/18/5 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Date of Last Inspection: 03/29/95

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): Charles Sandberg and Steve Rathbun
Weather Conditions: Cloudy, snow on ground
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

- 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 PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.



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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/015/015

DATE OF INSPECTION: 03/29 & 30/95

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

GENERAL COMMENTS: This inspection was conducted in concert with an evaluation of the highwall designs stemming from the Ten Day Notice 94-020-352-03 by the Office of Surface Mining (OSM). The site visit was attended by Charlie Sandberg and Steve Rathbun. The designs, prepared by Blackhawk Engineering (Dan Guy), were submitted on April 17, 1995 and presented to the group of OSM and Division of Oil, Gas and Mining review group. The designs for the backfilling and grading still have to be formally reviewed before a determination can be made.

A fresh snow had deposited about 8" to 12" on the ground which hindered access. The highwall evaluation was conducted by all parties.

Mountain Coal Company has applied for a reclamation permit for this mine site and a review was conducted and completed on March 31, 1995 which outlined deficiencies in the backfilling and grading portion of the application. The mine has been idle since November 1990. The operator is still operating under the operation plan, although portals were sealed in December 1990. The highwall issue is still under review.

A meeting was held on March 22 between Mountain Coal Company and the Division of Oil Gas and Mining (DOGGM) to discuss the status of the reclamation plan. Mountain Coal Company indicated that would like to commence reclamation operations by August, 1995 if they could get their plans approved by the division and OSM.

2. Signs and Markers

All signs and markers are properly posted at the site.

4. Hydrologic Balance

4a. Diversions

All the diversion structures contained some snow cover. It was difficult to identify their transport and holding capability, however, no water was flowing off of the minesite.

4b Sedimentation Pond

Sedimentation Pond #2 contained some water. Small amounts of water from melting snow was trickling into the pond. The pond still had sufficient capacity in the pond to contain a large runoff event. No water was discharging from the pond.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Donna Griffin (OSM), Paige Beville (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGGM)

Inspector's Signature: David W. Darby David W. Darby #47 Date: 04-24-95