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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: X Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: May 30, 1996 9.00 am to 3:00 pm
Date of Last Inspection: 04/30/96

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 Officials(s): David W. Darby, Susan White

Company Official(s): Dan Guy ratures

Existing Acreage: Permitted-2289Disturbed-17.2Regraded- 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) _____(date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/016

DATE OF INSPECTION: 05/30/96

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

GENERAL COMMENTS

Reclamation activities are considered to have resumed on April 30, 1996. EIS, the contractor, began operations on the #2 minepad. The contractor began operations by excavating the channel area and placing the better soil on the south cutslope. Excavation is being conducted by using trackhoes to dig and transfer fill to bulldozers and front end loaders which sort, mix and stockpile the material.

In the second week of excavation, Dan Guy called to report that the contractor had contacted coal refuse in the lower part of the pad area next to the coal refuse is a dump site that will require special attention. The Mine Plan requires culling and disposal of the trash.

The contractor is excavating the coal fines and blending them with other fill material to reduce their concentration. This material will be used as backfill and will be buried then covered with top soil. Observations reveal that the contractor is doing a good job in separating useable materials and blending fill material.

I was able to gain access through the minesite to the base of #7 and #8 Mines. The access was muddy and some snow still covered the pad areas.

4. Hydrology
a. Diversions

The diversions were functioning. Some debris was in the ditches, but not enough to restrict flow. All the runoff was diverted to the sedimentation ponds.

b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

All ponds were functioning well and no discharges were taking place. Pond #7a was open and contained a small pool. Sediment from the disturbed areas settled in the pond as it washed into the pool. Water from Pond #7a was piped to Pond #2. Pond #2 was near full, but was not discharging. The contractor was pumping water from the pond to use for dust control and compaction.

13. Revegetation

The site contains a lot of musk thistle plants. Dan mentioned that he had the contractor spray the plants along the road. Other thistle plants were growing on the side slopes and I mentioned that they would have to be sprayed. Dan concurred and stated that he intended that the contractor spray them. We met Mel Coonrod at the site. Mel stated that they were having problems in killing the noxious weeds because of the weather, it was raining every day. Mel stated that they needed 24 hours of clear weather after spraying to kill the plants. Mel also mentioned that they intended to ensure all the plants were eliminated.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM/Denver), Paige Beville (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: David W. Darby #47 Date: 6/14/96