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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete: \_\_\_ Exploration: \_\_\_
Inspection Date & Time: April 30, 1996 10.00 am to 12:00 pm
Date of Last Inspection: 03/28/96

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 contacted by phone for status report
Federal Official(s): none
Weather Conditions: Clear, mild temperatures
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 items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; etc.



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## GENERAL COMMENTS

The Gordon Creek reclamation project has been on hold for the winter months. On the day of the inspection EIS (Environmental Industrial Services), Mountain Coal Company's reclamation contractor was mobilizing equipment to renew their reclamation. No other activities were taking place.

I was able to gain access through the minesite. The road up to #7 and #8 Mines was muddy, but accessible. The mine pads on #7 and #8 Mines were covered with snow. The daytime temperatures were mild and the snow was melting. Some of the runoff was draining down the road leading to #7 Mine.

## 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 lower new ponds contained only minor amounts of snowmelt and appeared stable.

## C. Other Sediment Control Measures

Dan mentioned that EIS would soon perform routine maintenance to clean up the winter rubble on the roads, straighten the silt fences and ensure all culverts were clean.

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Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM/Denver), Paige Beville (MCC)Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)Inspector's Signature: David W. Darby #47 Date: 5/14/96