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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: February 5, 1998
Date of Last Inspection: December 16, 1998

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 Darby
Company Official(s): Dan Guy
Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, cool
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 2289 Disturbed- 0 Regraded- 17.2 Seeded- 17.2 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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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

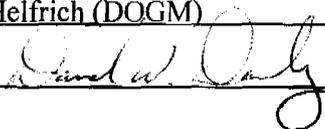
### GENERAL COMMENTS

The site was snow covered with about 1.5 feet of snow. The day was somewhat warm with the temperatures in the 50's. That made the snow soft which hindered travel to the site. I was able to walk up to the sedimentation ponds and access gate. The ponds were snow covered and I could not tell how much water was in the bottom of the ponds. It looked like the lower and middle ponds did not contain any water other than the snow cover. The embankments appeared stable.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM/Denver), Chris Hansen (CFC), Dan Guy (Blackhawk Engineering)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  David Darby #47 Date: March 3, 1999