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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: Complete: Exploration:
 Inspection Date & Time: 6/23/00 10:00 to 2:30
 Date of Last Inspection: 5/23/00

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 Mine
 State Official(s): Susan White
 Company Official(s): Dan Guy Federal Official(s): None
 Weather Conditions: Fair and warm
 Existing Acreage: Permitted-2286 Disturbed-20.3 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
 Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
 Status: Active

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.

	<u>EVALUATED</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>NOV/ENF</u>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

UPDES permit #UTG04004 has one discharge point, 001A. The permit expires April 30, 2001.

The permit was renewed August 28, 1999. One condition was attached to the permit as follows:

"Mountain Coal Company, LLC will submit water quality data electronically to the Division for the Gordon Creek #2, #7 and #8 Mine beginning with data for the fourth quarter of 1999."

First quarter water monitoring was submitted electronically. Some of the field on the data form were not filled in correctly making the data unsuitable for transfer into the data base.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permit sign at the end of the county road was rehung.

3. TOPSOIL

Coal waste has appeared along the reclaimed channel (See Figure 1). The two areas are approximately 20' by 15'. A request for a site visit by the technical staff from the Division will be made to determine if any action should be taken.



Figure 1

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4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments:

The annual pond inspection for 2/7/8 Sediment Pond, Jacobs Pond, and Sweets Pond was certified by Dan Guy on October 19, 1999 and submitted in the annual report.

The first quarter pond inspections were conducted by Dan Guy on 3/16/00.

On the day of this inspection, the upper sediment pond contained water. The pond had a lot of sediment from the road runoff above the mine site that has been impacted from logging activities.

c. Other Sediment Control Measures:

The Operator cleaned the rock check dams treating the runoff from the Fan Portal area. The Operator is going to submit a request to the division to allow vegetation to act as the sediment control for the area.

d. Water Monitoring:

Data sheets for the first quarter water monitoring were reviewed and completed as required.

e. Effluent Limitations:

UPDES discharge reports were reviewed for the first quarter. No discharge was reported.

8. NONCOAL WASTE:

Non-coal waste has surfaced in numerous areas though out the site. This old mining material should be picked up.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND OTHER RELATED VALUES:

Wildlife have been using the site. Salamanders and tadpoles were seen in the pond. A bear was seen swimming in Jacobs pond. (See Figures 2 & 3, page 4)

13. REVEGETATION:

The dominant plant species on site is alfalfa. Noxious weeds had been sprayed. The fence was repaired and in good condition. Sedges and *Mimulus*, monkey-flower, were observed along the drainage coming out of the Right Fork of Bryner Canyon. Cattails are in Jacobs pond. Water was flowing from the fault above 7 Mine, Right Fork of Bryner Canyon, and Jacobs pond.

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Figure 2



Figure 3

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16. ROADS

b. Drainage Controls:

Along the county road and outside the disturbed area are rock check dams structures that the mine installed many years ago and have maintained until last fall (See Figures 4 & 5 below). Water ponded by the check dam has disappeared through a piping hole. The channel was walked below the area and no outlet to the water was observed. The mine is going to work with the County Road Dept. to fix the blow-out.



Figure 4



Figure 5

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE:

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company holds the \$641,443.00 bond. St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company carries a \$500,000 general liability coverage which expires 7/31/00.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: OSM, Chris Hansen (CFC), Dan Guy (Blackhawk Engineering)

Given to: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Susan M. White

Susan M. White #35

Date: June 28, 2000

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