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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: Complete: XXX Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 03/28/2001 / 9:00am-2:30pm
Date of Last Inspection: 02/28/2001

Mine Name: Gordon Creek 2, 7, and 8 County: Carbon Permit Number: C057016
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Mountain Coal Company
Business Address: HC 35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Dan Guy
State Official(s): Joe Helfrich Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, snow flurries, 38
Existing Acreage: Permitted 2286 Disturbed 20.3 Regraded Seeded
Status: Active Reclamation XXX

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 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 categories like PERMITS, SIGNS AND MARKERS, TOPSOIL, HYDROLOGIC BALANCE, etc.

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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 is currently in force and expires April 30, 2001. There is one amendment pending, #99C-2, revisions to the permit area. A meeting was held on March 16, 2001 at the Salt Lake Office with Dan Guy and Chris Hansen, and Dave Darby, Susan White and Joe Helfrich. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the information needed to summarize the water monitoring data collected during the life of the mine and reclamation.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

There has been no change to the permit sign at the end of the county road. The sign has been painted over with orange spray paint as an indication for no trespassing, apparently to keep individuals out during the previous archery and general rifle seasons. The deep snow and cold weather have prevented access to the site. The information is still visible through the paint. However, the identification sign should be replaced or repainted by June 2001.

3. TOPSOIL

The reclaimed area is covered with two to four feet of snow.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The diversions as well are snow covered.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The fourth quarter pond inspections for the 2, 7, & 8 Sediment Pond, Jacobs Pond, and Sweets Pond were conducted by Dan Guy on 11/12/2000. The report indicated that the ponds were stable and showed no signs of structural weakness. On the day of this inspection, the sediment and Jacob's ponds contained several feet of fallen and drifted snow.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

Data sheets for the fourth quarter water monitoring were reviewed during the inspection. The DMR's were current from October 2000 through January 2001 reporting no discharge.

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Monitoring data had been collected on October 12, 2000 for the other sites. Sites 2-1-W and 2-2-W that are monitored monthly were also monitored on November 1 and December 22, 2000. Fourth quarter water monitoring has been submitted electronically.

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 7/31/01.

Inspector's Signature: _____

Joseph C. Helfrich #1
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Date: March 19, 2001

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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