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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: Complete: XXX Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 12/18/2001 / 9:00 am -1:00pm
Date of Last Inspection: 11/29/2001

Mine Name: Gordon Creek 2, 7, and 8 County: Carbon Permit Number: C/007/016
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, Gregg Galecki Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Clear, 25
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, EXPLOSIVES, DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL, COAL MINE WASTE, PROTECTION OF FISH, SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE, CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION, BACKFILLING AND GRADING, REVEGETATION, SUBSIDENCE CONTROL, CESSATION OF OPERATIONS, ROADS, OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, SUPPORT FACILITIES, AVS CHECK, AIR QUALITY PERMIT, BONDING & INSURANCE.

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

There are two pending amendments, AM01A (revisions to the water monitoring plan) and BR01B (phase one bond release). There are a few minor deficiencies associated with the bond release amendment; the water monitoring amendment will be approved.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The signs located at the access at the end of the county road were in good repair and contain the required information.

3. TOPSOIL

As of the time of this inspection, no topsoil from the logging road above the reclaimed area had been transported to the flatter low gradient areas of the first side channel (SD #6) and the sediment pond. The soil is frozen and covered with several inches of snow.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The diversions are covered with several inches of snow.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The third and fourth quarter 2001 pond inspections for the 2, 7, & 8 Sediment Pond, Jacobs Pond, and Sweets pond indicated that the ponds were stable and showed no signs of structural weakness. The ponds were inspected on 9/27 and 11/28/2001.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

Data sheets for the second quarter water monitoring were reviewed during the inspection. The DMR's were current for August, September, and October reporting no discharge for those time periods.

Monitoring data has been collected monthly for the other sites. Third quarter 2001 water monitoring has been submitted electronically. Mr. Hansen confirmed uploading the data on 12/17/2001.

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 7/31/2002.

Inspector's Signature: _____

Joseph C. Helfrich
Joseph C. Helfrich #1

Date: December 20, 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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