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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial _____ Complete XXX Exploration _____
Inspection Date: 03/20/2002 / Time: 09:30 AM-3:00 PM
Date of Last Inspection: 02/07/2002

Mine Name: Gordon Creek 2, 7, & 8 Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: C/007/016
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Mountain Coal Company
Business Address: HC Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526
Company Official(s): Dan Guy
State Official(s): Joe Helfrich, Dave Darby Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Sunny, 50
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface _____ Prep Plant _____ Other _____
Existing Acreage: Permitted 180 Disturbed 34.88 Regraded 34.88 Seeded 34.88
Status: Active Reclamation XXX

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - 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.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
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 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 (4 th Quarter- April, May, June)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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

The permit for this reclaimed site was renewed effective August 28, 1999. There is one pending amendment, #BR01B, Phase I bond release. The technical analysis describing ten deficiencies was sent to Chris Hansen on February 27, 2002. A response to the TA is due on May 1, 2002

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 feet of snow in the side channel and portions of the drainage above the reclaimed area.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The diversions are covered with several feet of snow in most places throughout the reclaimed area.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The 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 11/28/2001.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The DMR's were current for August, September, and October reporting no discharge for those time periods.

Hard copies of the fourth quarter monitoring data were available for review by the undersigned and Dave Darby. Dave is the assigned hydrologist for this reclaimed site. The staff hydrologists are participating with the inspectors to evaluate water-monitoring data during at least one inspection per year. Dana Shepard and Dave were able to access the web site for the Gordon Creek mine. Fourth quarter 2001 water monitoring data has been submitted electronically as confirmed by Chris Hansen on 12/17/2001.

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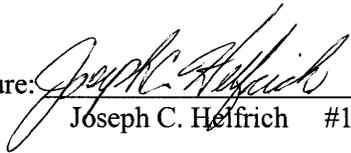
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During this inspection, I discussed with Dan the Division's position on accessibility to water monitoring locations. The Division will no longer accept "inaccessible" as data for a water monitoring location. Permittees are expected to review their monitoring regimen and either obtain the required information through additional attempts to access the site or contact the hydrologist assigned to their mine and discuss possible changes to the timing and frequency of their monitoring programs.

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 that expires 7/31/2002

Inspector's Signature: _____


Joseph C. Helfrich #1

Date: March 21, 2002

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

cc: James Fulton, OSM
Chris Hansen, Canyon Fuel Company
Dan Guy, Blackhawk Engineering
Price Field office

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