

## INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: XXX Complete:      Exploration:       
 Inspection Date & Time: 01/23/2003 / 3:00 pm -4:30 pm  
 Date of Last Inspection: 12/19/2002

Mine Name: Gordon Creek 2, 7, & 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 Federal Official(s): None  
 Weather Conditions: Sunny, 40  
 Existing Acreage: Permitted 180 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.

|  | 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 type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input 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 type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. WATER MONITORING  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS  | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION                                  | <input 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:   |                                     |                                     |                                     |                          |
| 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 type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. AVS CHECK (4 <sup>th</sup> 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 type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. BONDING & INSURANCE  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**INSPECTION REPORT**

(Continuation sheet)

PERMIT NUMBER: C/007/016

DATE OF INSPECTION: 01/23/2003

(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

**1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE**

Amendment #BR01B, Phase I bond release and #BR02B phase III bond release for the Sweets Pond were approved during the week of January 20, 2003. There is one amendment pending, #AM02A, (Rock Gabion removal) that was submitted on March 13, 2002. The amendment was reviewed by Division staff (Joe Helfrich and Dave Darby). The TA contained one deficiency. That deficiency was **R645-301-731 and 752.220**, the applicant was required to demonstrate that no additional contributions of suspended solids were occurring in the receiving stream channel and prevent material damage outside the permit area.

**2. SIGNS AND MARKERS**

The identification sign located at the main access at the end of the county road was legible and in good repair.

**4A DIVERSIONS**

The site was blanketed with approximately 10 inches of snow.

**4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS**

On the day of this inspection, the three-celled pond was in good repair and functioning properly.

**9. PROTECTION OF FISH WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Deer and elk have been feeding on the reclaimed area.

Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date January 24, 2003  
Joseph C. Helfrich #1

**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  
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