

INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
 Inspection Date & Time: 04/23/2003 / 9:30 am -2:00 pm
 Date of Last Inspection: 03/06/2003

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, Dave Darby, Dana Dean, Wayne Western 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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PERMIT NUMBER: C/007/016

DATE OF INSPECTION: 04/23/2003

(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

Amendment #BR01B, Phase I bond release was approved February 7, 2003. The final bond release inspection will be scheduled on May 22, 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. The purpose of this site visit was to conduct a joint Hydrologist/inspector inspection and conduct a pre bond release inspection.

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. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The site was bare and the diversions were functioning adequately. The first diversion, SD6, did contain a small amount of sediment from the adjoining watershed. It did not appear as though sediment from the county road was being transported through this diversion. As noted in the September 10, 2002 inspection report, the county had agreed to re-route the drainage off the road last Fall to prevent additional sediment deposition to the pond. The road should be accessible in the next month or so to determine if the county has made the necessary adjustments.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Deer and elk have been feeding on the reclaimed area during the winter months and the vegetation is just beginning to emerge.

12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

The reclaimed area encompasses approximately 33 acres and has been backfilled and graded in accordance with the approved MRP.

Inspector's Signature: _____ Date April 28, 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.

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