

INSPECTION REPORT

Partial Complete Exploration
 Inspection Date: 06/04/2003 Time: 09:30-4:30
 Date of Last Inspection: 05/14/2003

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 Federal Official(s): None
 State Official(s): Joe Helfrich, Steve Fluke, Dave Darby
 Weather Conditions: Sunny, 65
 Type of Mining Activity: Underground 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

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 amendment pending, #AM02A, (Rock Gabion removal) submitted on March 13, 2002. The TA contained one deficiency requiring the applicant to demonstrate that no additional contributions of suspended solids were occurring in the receiving stream channel and to prevent material damage outside the permit area. No samples have been taken to date. On May 22, 2003, the Division conducted a Phase One bond release inspection for the reclaimed area, and a Phase Three bond release inspection for the Sweets Pond area. Other agencies represented were BLM, Steve Faulk, and OSM, Mitch Rollings. Mountain Coal representatives included Dan Guy, Vicky Miller, and Chris Hansen. Concurrence from the BLM and OSM is pending.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

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

3. TOPSOIL

As of the time of this inspection, some additional 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 transport of material was the result of spring runoff. The road is a county road and the county agreed to divert the runoff from the road away from the watershed that drains to the sediment pond. Ray Hansen from the Carbon County road department met with our group and discussed several ways in which to divert the runoff to the adjacent watershed without causing additional erosion.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The diversions were in good repair at the time of this inspection.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The first quarter 2003 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 March 26, 2003.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The DMR's were current through April 2003 reporting no discharge for those time periods. Hard copies of the first quarter monitoring data were available for review. First quarter 2003 water monitoring data is due in the database by June 30, 2003. The UPDES permit is valid through April 30, 2008.

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19. AVS CHECK

A copy of the information currently in the AVS database was given to Dan. End dates need to be provided for those individuals no longer affiliated with the company. A listing of individuals currently affiliated with the company have been submitted to the Division in the annual report for incorporation into the AVS system.

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 07/31/2003.

Inspector's Signature: _____ Date: June 9, 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
Chris Hansen, Canyon Fuel Company, via email
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