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**Skyline Mines**  
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2004  
March 31, 2003

Coal Regulatory Program  
Attn.: Pam Grubaugh-Littig  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210  
Box 145801  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

*Incoming*  
*C/007/0016 ST*

RE: 2003 Annual Report for Mountain Coal Company, LLC, Gordon Creek 2, 7, & 8 Mines, C/007/016

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Please find enclosed with this letter two copies each of the Mountain Coal Company, LLC Gordon Creek 2, 7, and 8 Mines 2003 Annual Report. The report is lacking a copy of the yet-to-be-completed Mt. Nebo Scientific Vegetation Study of the reclaimed area. This report will be submitted to the Division to be included in the Annual Report as soon as it is available.

The information contained within the Annual Report is, to the best our knowledge, current and correct. If you have any questions regarding the report, please call me at (435) 448-2669.

Sincerely:

Chris D. Hansen  
Project Representative  
Mountain Coal Company, LLC

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In *C/007/0016 2004 Incoming*  
For additional information

Mountain Coal Company, LLC  
**Gordon Creek Mines #2, #7, & #8**  
C/007/016

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**2003**

**Annual Report**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Permitte Name	Mountain Coal Company, LLC
Mine Name	Gordon Creek 2/7/8 Mines
Operator Name (If other than permittee)	
Permit Expiration Date	August 28, 2004
Permit Number	C/007/016
Authorized Representative Title	Eugene E. DiClaudio, President
Phone Number	(970) 929-2221
Fax Number	(970) 929-5595
E-mail Address	edclaudio@archcoal.com
Mailing Address	West Elk Mine P.O. Box 591 Somerset, CO 81434
Designated Representative	Chris Hansen
Resident Agent	Corporation Trust Company
Resident Agent Mailing Address	Corporation Trust Center 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE
Number of Binders Submitted	2

## IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITS

Identify other permits that are required in conjunction with mining and reclamation activities.

Permit Type	ID Number	Description	Expiration Date
MSHA Mine ID(s)	N/A		
MSHA Impoundment(s)	N/A		
NPDES/UPDES Permit(s)	UTG-040004	UPDES Permit	04/30/07
PSD Permit(s) (Air)	N/A		
<b>Other</b>	N/A		

**CERTIFIED REPORTS**

List the certified inspection reports as required by the rules and under the approved plan that must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as Appendix A to this report or currently on file with the Division.

Certified Reports:	Required		Included or on file with DOGM		Comments
	Yes	No	Included	On File	
Excess Spoil Piles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Refuse Piles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appendix B
<b>Other</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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**REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA**

List other technical data and information as required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division. Specify whether the information is included as Appendix B to this report or currently on file with the Division.

Technical Data:	Required		Included or on file with DOGM		Comments
	Yes	No	Included	On file	
Climatological	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Subsidence Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Report still in preparation by Mt. Nebo Scientific
Raptor Survey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soils Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
First quarter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Second quarter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Third quarter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Fourth quarter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Geological / Geophysical Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non Coal Waste / Abandoned Underground Equipment*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Other Data</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Reminder: If equipment has been abandoned during 2003, an amendment must be submitted that includes a map showing its location, a description of what was abandoned, whether there were any hazardous or toxic materials and any revision to the PHC as necessary.





**APPENDIX A**

**Certified Reports**

Excess Spoil Piles  
Refuse Piles  
Impoundments

As required under R645-301-514

**CONTENTS**

None

**APPENDIX B**

**Reporting of Technical Data**

Including monitoring data, reports, maps, and other information  
As required under the approved plan or as required by the Division

In accordance with the requirement of R645-310-130 and R645-301-140

**CONTENTS**

Vegetation Monitoring Report to be Included Once Completed  
Impoundment Certifications

MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY  
2003 ANNUAL POND INSPECTION REPORT

POND: 2/7/8 Sediment Pond

LOCATION: Gordon Creek 2/7/8

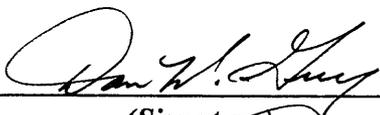
<b>IMPOUNDMENTS</b>	
(1) Stability	Slopes Stable.
(2) Structural Weakness/Erosion	None Noted.
(3) Potential Safety Hazards	None Noted.
(4) Depth of Impounded Water	Upper Cell - Dry, Middle Cell - Dry, Lower Cell - Dry.
(5) Existing Storage Capacity	5.95 acre feet.
(6) Monitoring Procedures	Quarterly Inspection U.P.D.E.S. Discharge

<b>SEDIMENT PONDS ONLY</b>	Cell #1	Cell #2	Cell #3
(7) Sediment Accumulation (Elevation)	7729.6	7713.0	7704.0
(8) Sediment Cleanout Level (Elevation)	7731.0	N/A	N/A
(9) Principle Spillway (Elevation)	7733.0	7723.0	7713.0
(10) Emergency Spillway (Elevation)	7733.0	7723.0	7713.0
(11) Existing Sediment Capacity (Maximum)	0.42	N/A	N/A

<b>GENERAL</b>	
(12) Comments/Recommendations	Cells 2 & 3 Expanded in 1996. Grouted, open channel spillways. 3 cells. No Inflow. No Discharge.

**STATEMENT**

I hereby certify that; I am experienced in the construction of impoundments; I am qualified and authorized in the State of Utah to inspect and certify the condition and appearance of impoundments in accordance with the certified and approved designs for this structure; that the impoundment has been maintained in accordance with approved design and meets or exceeds the minimum design requirements under all applicable federal, state and local regulations; and, that inspections and inspection reports are made by myself and include any appearances of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions of the structure affecting stability.

  
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 (Signature)

10/27/03  
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 (Date)



**MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY  
2003 ANNUAL POND INSPECTION REPORT**

POND: Jacobs Pond

LOCATION: Gordon Creek 2/7/8

<b>IMPOUNDMENTS</b>	
(1) Stability	Slopes Stable.
(2) Structural Weakness/Erosion	None Noted.
(3) Potential Safety Hazards	None Noted.
(4) Depth of Impounded Water	N/A - Dry.
(5) Existing Storage Capacity	N/A
(6) Monitoring Procedures	Quarterly Inspection

<b>SEDIMENT PONDS ONLY</b>	
(7) Sediment Accumulation (Elevation)	N/A
(8) Sediment Cleanout Level (Elevation)	N/A
(9) Principle Spillway (Elevation)	N/A
(10) Emergency Spillway (Elevation)	N/A
(11) Existing Sediment Capacity (To Cleanout)	N/A

<b>GENERAL</b>	
(12) Comments/Recommendations	Stock/Wildlife Watering Pond. No Visible Inflow.

**STATEMENT**

*I hereby certify that; I am experienced in the construction of impoundments; I am qualified and authorized in the State of Utah to inspect and certify the condition and appearance of impoundments in accordance with the certified and approved designs for this structure; that the impoundment has been maintained in accordance with approved design and meets or exceeds the minimum design requirements under all applicable federal, state and local regulations; and, that inspections and inspection reports are made by myself and include any appearances of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions of the structure affecting stability.*

  
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 (Signature)

10/27/03  
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 (Date)



**MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY**  
**2003 ANNUAL POND INSPECTION REPORT**

POND: Sweet's Pond LOCATION: Gordon Creek 2/7/8

<b>IMPOUNDMENTS</b>	
(1) Stability	Slopes Stable.
(2) Structural Weakness/Erosion	None Noted.
(3) Potential Safety Hazards	None Noted.
(4) Depth of Impounded Water	60" (Full)
(5) Existing Storage Capacity	(2.10 acre feet) Not a sediment Pond.
(6) Monitoring Procedures	Quarterly Inspection

<b>SEDIMENT PONDS ONLY</b>	
(7) Sediment Accumulation (Elevation)	N/A
(8) Sediment Cleanout Level (Elevation)	N/A
(9) Principle Spillway (Elevation)	N/A
(10) Emergency Spillway (Elevation)	N/A
(11) Existing Sediment Capacity (To Cleanout)	N/A

<b>GENERAL</b>	
(12) Comments/Recommendations	Not a Sediment Pond. Operating properly.

**STATEMENT**

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 (Signature)

10/27/03  
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 (Date)



**APPENDIX C**

**Legal Financial, Compliance and Related Information**

Annual Report of Officers  
As submitted to the Utah Department of Commerce

Other change in ownership and control information  
As required under R645-301-110

**CONTENTS**

List of Corporate Officers





Effective: 12/11/2002

David B. Peugh

Vice President - Business Development

Effective: 07/01/1997

Robert W. Shanks

Vice President - Operations

Effective: 07/01/1997

Robert J. Messey

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Effective: 12/1/2000

Robert G. Jones

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Effective: 10/16/2000 and 3/01/2000

James E. Florczak

Treasurer

Effective: 08/17/1998

Deck S. Slone

Vice President, Investor and Public Relations

Effective: 04/26/2001

Bradley M. Allbritten

Vice President, Marketing

Effective: 03/1/2000

Shiela B. Feldman

Vice President, Human Resources

Effective: 02/03/2003

Janet L. Horgan

Assistant Secretary and Counsel

Effective: 10/16/2000

John W. Lorson

Comptroller

Mountain Coal Company, LLC

March 11, 2004

Effective: 04/9/1999

Charles David Steele

Vice President, Tax Planning

Effective: 04/24/2003

Bennett K. Hatfield

Vice President

Effective: 04/24/2003

**Arch Western Resources, LLC, Representatives to the Management Board:**

Name: Steven F. Leer

Effective: 06/01/98

Name: Robert W. Shanks

Effective: 06/01/98

**Alternate:**

Name: Kenneth G. Woodring

Effective: 06/01/98

**ARCH WESTERN RESOURCES, LLC**

**Directors:**

Patrick A. Kriegshauser  
Effective: 05/07/98

David B. Peugh  
Effective: 05/07/98

Jeffry N. Quinn  
Effective: 05/07/98

Thomas A. Lockhart  
Effective: 02/24/2003

**Officers:**

Robert W. Shanks                      President - Operations  
Effective: 06/28/98

David B. Peugh                      Vice President  
Effective: 05/17/98

Robert G. Jones                      Vice President and Assistant Secretary  
Effective: 03/01/00 and 6/2/98

Janet L. Horgan                      Secretary  
Effective: 3/17/98

Anne W. Odonnell                      Assistant Secretary  
Effective: 05/23/2003

James E. Florczak                      Vice President, Finance, Treasurer  
Effective: 05/15/98 and 9/15/98

Charles David Steele                      Vice President, Tax Planning  
Effective: 05/23/2003

**APPENDIX D**

**Mine Maps**

As required under R645-302-525-270

**CONTENTS**

None

**APPENDIX E**

**Other Information**

In accordance with the requirements of R645-301 and R645-302

**CONTENTS**

None