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April 14, 2006

Mr. Chris Hansen, Environmental Coordinator  
Mountain Coal Company  
c/o Canyon Fuel Co.-Skyline Mines  
HC 35 Box 380  
Helper, Utah 84526

Subject: Reconnaissance Inspection – Gordon Creek Mine

Dear Mr. Hansen:

On April 12, 2006 I conducted a reconnaissance inspection, since I was already in the area, in regards to the Gordon Creek Mine and UPDES Permit No. UTG040004. Specifically I observed the reclaimed areas, sediment ponds and outfall locations.

Enclosed is a copy of the inspection report for your records. If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 538-6779 or by e-mail at [jstudenka@utah.gov](mailto:jstudenka@utah.gov).

Sincerely,

Jeff Studenka, Environmental Scientist  
UPDES Permits Section

Enclosures

cc (w/encl): Darcy O'Connor, EPA Region VIII  
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# NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

## Section A: National Data System Coding

Transaction Code	NPDES	Yr/Mo/Day	Inspection Type	Inspector	Fac Type
1 [N]      2 [ ]	3 [U][T][G][0][4][0][0][0][4]	11    12 [0][6][04][12]	17    18 [R]	19 [S]	20 [2]
Remarks					
21 [ ]					66
Reserved	Facility Evaluation Rating	BI	QA	-----Reserved-----	
67 [ ]	70 [4]	71 [N]	72 [N]	73 [ ]	75 [ ]      80

## Section B: Facility Data

Name and Location of Facility Inspected MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY - GORDON CREEK MINE COUNTY ROAD 290 (CONSUMER'S ROAD), HELPER, UT		Entry Time/Date 3:45 pm 4-12-06	Permit Effective Date 05-01-2003
		Exit Time/Date 4:00 pm 4-12-06	Permit Expiration Date 04-30-2008
Name(s) of On-Site Representative(s) N/A		Title(s) N/A	Phone No(s) N/A
Name, Address of Responsible Official CHRIS HANSEN, MOUNTAIN COAL CO. C/O CANYON FUEL CO. SKYLINE MINES HC 35 BOX 380 HELPER, UT 84526		Title Project Representative/Environmental Coordinator	Phone No. 435-448-2669
		Contacted NO	

## Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection

(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated, NA = Not Applicable)

S	Permit	ND	Flow Measurement	NA	Pretreatment	S	Operations & Maintenance
S	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	NA	Compliance Schedules	NA	Sludge Disposal
S	Facility Site Review	S	Effluent/Receiving Water	S	Self-Monitoring Program		Other:

## Section D: Summary of Findings/Comments (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

ND = no discharge at the time of inspection.

The purpose for the site visit was to perform a reconnaissance inspection while in the area. The mining operations are no longer present and reclamation activities were completed several years ago. A tour of the facility included observing the reclaimed areas and the sedimentation ponds followed by the receiving streambed of Bryner Canyon, all of which was under light snow pack. There were no deficiencies observed during the inspection.

Name(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s) JEFF STUDENKA <i>Jeff Studenka</i>	Agency/Office/Telephone (801) 538-6779 DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY	Date 4-14-06
N/A	Agency/Office/Telephone N/A	Date N/A
Signature of Reviewer MIKE HERKIMER, MANAGER UPDES PERMITS SECTION <i>Mike Herkimer</i>	Agency/Office (801) 538-6058 DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY	Date 4/14/06
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Action Taken	Date	Compliance Status Noncompliance Compliance