

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

2005

Annual Report

March 21, 2006

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Permitte Name	Mountain Coal Company, LLC
Mine Name	Gordon Creek 2/7/8 Mines
Operator Name (If other then permittee)	
Permit Expiration Date	August 28, 2009
Permit Number	C/007/016
Authorized Representative Title	Eugene E. DiClaudio, President
Phone Number	(970) 263-5140
Fax Number	(970) 263-5140
E-mail Address	gdiClaudio@archcoal.com
Mailing Address	Arch Western Bituminous Group, LLC, 255 N. 5 th Street, Suite 900, Grand Junction, CO, 81501
Designated Representative Resident Agent	Chris D. Hansen 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)			
NPDES/UPDES Permit(s)	UTG-040004	UPDES Permit	04/30/07
PSD Permit(s) (Air)	N/A		
Other			
	None		

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 A
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Non Coal Waste / Abandoned Underground Equipment*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other Data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Reminder: If equipment has been abandoned during 2005, 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

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Annual Pond Inspections

**MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY
2005 ANNUAL POND INSPECTION REPORT**

POND: 2/7/8 Sediment Pond **LOCATION:** Gordon Creek 2/7/8

(1) Stability	Slopes Stable.
(2) Structural Weakness/Erosion	None Noted.
(3) Potential Safety Hazards	None Noted.
(4) Depth of Impounded Water	Upper Cell - Damp, Middle Cell - Dry, Lower Cell - Dry.
(5) Existing Storage Capacity	5.68 acre feet.
(6) Monitoring Procedures	Quarterly Inspection U.P.D.E.S. Discharge

(7) Sediment Accumulation (Elevation)	7730.5	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)	0.15 ac. ft.	N/A	N/A

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



(Signature)

10/25/2005

(Date)



**MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY
2005 ANNUAL POND INSPECTION REPORT**

POND: Jacobs Pond LOCATION: Gordon Creek 2/7/8

(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

(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

(12) Comments/Recommendations	Stock/Wildlife Watering Pond. No Visible Inflow.
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Dan W. Guy

(Signature)

10/25/2005

(Date)



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

NONE

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

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Corporate Officers

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, L.L.C.
West Elk Mine

**DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF
ARCH WESTERN BITUMINOUS GROUP, L.L.C.**

**Arch Western Bituminous Group
225 North 5th Street
9th Floor, Alpine Bank Building
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

NAME	POSITION	DATE TENURE COMMENCED¹
DIRECTORS:		
Eugene DiClaudio	Director	29 July 2004
Robert W. Shanks	Director	29 July 2004
Kenneth G. Woodring	Director	Resigned 21 February 2005
John W. Eaves	Director	21 February 2005
Robert W. Shanks	Director	29 July 2004
OFFICERS:		
Eugene DiClaudio	President and General Manager	29 July 2004
Charles David Steele	Vice President – Tax	29 July 2004
Janet L. Horgan	Secretary	Resigned 14 October 2005
Gregory A. Billhartz	Secretary	07 November 2005
James E. Florczak	Vice President	29 July 2004
	Treasurer	
Jolene Jouett Mermis	Assistant Secretary	29 July 2004

¹Terms for Directors and Officers are open-ended. The ending date is when the individual leaves the company or resigns from the board.

**DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF
ARCH WESTERN RESOURCES, L.L.C.**

**CityPlace One, Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 994-2700**

NAME	POSITION	DATE TENURE COMMENCED ¹
OFFICERS:		
John W. Eaves	President	Resigned 01 April 2005
Paul A. Lang	President	27 June 2005
Robert G. Jones	Vice President	01 March 2000
David B. Peugh	Vice President	17 March 1998
Janet L. Horgan	Secretary	Resigned 15 October 2005
Gregory A. Billhartz	Secretary	07 November 2005
Robert Shanks	President	Resigned 31 March 2005
Robert G. Jones	Assistant Secretary	14 March 2001
Charles David Steele	Vice President – Tax	23 May 2003
James E. Florczak	Vice President	01 April 2002
	Treasurer	15 September 1998
Robert J. Messey	Vice President	20 March 2002
Elaine DiGiacomo	Assistant Treasurer	25 July 2003
Jolene Jouett Mermis	Assistant Secretary	01 July 2004
Anne W. O'Donnell	Assistant Secretary	Resigned 18 June 2004

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**DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF
ARCH WESTERN ACQUISITION CORPORATION**

**CityPlace One, Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 994-2700**

NAME	POSITION	DATE TENURE COMMENCED ¹
DIRECTORS:		
C. Henry Besten	Director	26 January 2000
David B. Peugh	Director	07 May 1998
Robert G. Jones	Director	Resigned 27 June 2005
Paul A. Lang	Director	27 June 2005
OFFICERS:		
Robert G. Jones	President	Resigned 27 June 2005
Paul A. Lang	President	27 June 2005
David B. Peugh	Vice President	07 May 1998
Janet L. Horgan	Secretary	Resigned 14 October 2005
Gregory A. Billhartz	Secretary	07 November 2005
Jolene Jouett Mermis	Assistant Secretary	01 July 2004
James E. Florczak	Vice President	28 March 2002
	Treasurer	15 September 1998
Charles David Steele	Vice President	23 May 2003
Robert J. Messey	Vice President	28 March 2002
Anne W. O' Donnell	Assistant Secretary	Resigned 18 June 2004

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**DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF
ARK LAND COMPANY**

**CityPlace One, Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 994-2700**

NAME	POSITION	DATE TENURE COMMENCED ¹
DIRECTORS:		
C. Henry Besten, Jr.	Director	01 July 1997
Steven E. McCurdy	Director	04 April 1989
David B. Peugh	Director	03 May 1993
OFFICERS:		
Steven E. McCurdy	President	18 September 1995
William Scott Stewart	Vice President - Exploration	02 February 1998
Susan E. Prader	Assistant Secretary	Resigned 09 September 2005
Janet L. Horgan	Secretary	Resigned 15 October 2005
Gregory A. Billhartz	Secretary	07 November 2005
Robert G. Jones	Assistant Secretary	16 October 2000
Charles David Steele	Vice President – Tax	23 May 2003
James E. Florczak	Vice President and Treasurer	20 December 2001
Douglas M. Downing	Vice President	26 February 2003
Robert J. Messey	Vice President	01 April 2002
Jolene Jouett Mermis	Assistant Secretary	01 July 2004
Anne W. O'Donnell	Assistant Secretary	Resigned 18 June 2004

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**ARCH COAL, INC.
DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

NAME	POSITION	DATE TENURE COMMENCED ¹
OFFICERS, CONTINUED:		
David B. Peugh	Vice President	01 July 1997
Robert W. Shanks	Vice President	01 July 1997
Kenneth George Woodring	Vice President	Resigned 21 February 2005
James Florczak	Treasurer	17 August 1998
Bradley M. Allbritten	Vice President	Resigned 01 June 2005
David N. Warnecke	Vice President	08 August 2005
Robert G. Jones	Vice President	01 March 2000
John W. Lorson	Controller	09 April 1999
Charles David Steele	Vice President	24 April 2003
Robert J. Messey	Vice President	01 December 2000
Sheila B. Feldman	Vice President	03 February 2003
Bennett K. Hatfield	Vice President	Resigned 31 March 2005
Deck Slone	Vice President	26 April 2001
Janet L. Horgan	Assistant Secretary	Resigned 15 October 2005
John A. Ziegler	Internal Auditor	Resigned 01 March 2005
Allen Kelley	Internal Auditor	15 March 2005

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ARCH COAL, INC.**

**CityPlace One, Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 994-2700**

NAME	POSITION	DATE TENURE COMMENCED ¹
DIRECTORS:		
James R. Boyd	Director	01 July 1997
Frank M. Burke	Director	09 September 2000
Douglas H. Hunt	Director	01 July 1997
Steven F. Leer	Director	01 July 1997
Thomas A. Lockhart	Director	21 February 2003
A. Michael Perry	Director	28 September 1998
Robert G. Potter	Director	26 April 2001
Theodore D. Sands	Director	25 February 1999
Patricia Fry Godley	Director	22 July 2004
Wesley M. Taylor	Director	28 July 2005
Kenneth G. Woodring	Director	Resigned 21 February 2005
Michael P. Hardesty	Director	Resigned 21 April 2005
OFFICERS:		
Steven F. Leer	President and CEO	01 July 1997
C. Henry Besten, Jr.	Vice President	01 July 1997
Larry Brown	Vice President	Resigned 01 July 2005
Michael T. Abbene	Vice-President	01 July 2005
Kenneth F. Hodak	Sr. Vice-President – Regional Sals	Resigned 03 October 2005
John W. Eaves	Elected Executive Vice President & COO	11 December 2002
Gregory A. Billhartz	Secretary	07 November 2005

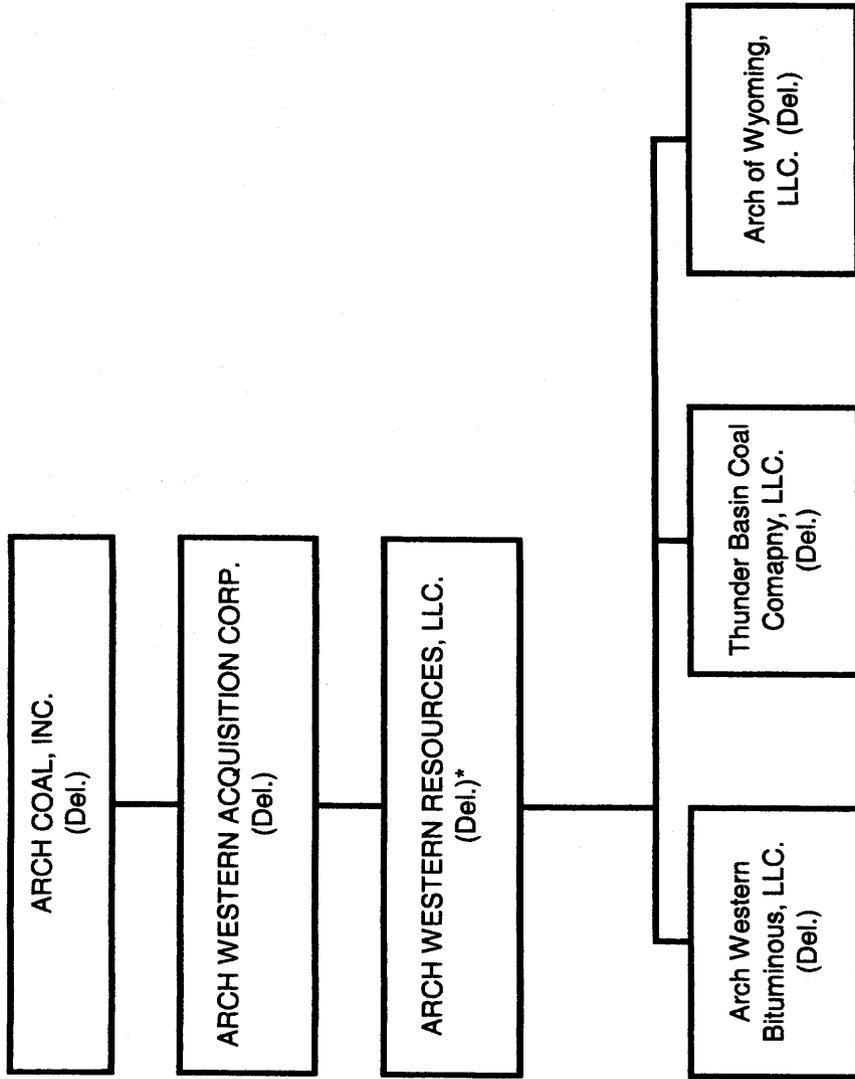
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**DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF
MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, L.L.C.**

**MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY, L.L.C.
P.O. Box 591
Somerset, CO 81434-0591**

NAME	POSITION	DATE TENURE COMMENCED¹
DIRECTORS:		
Eugene E. DiClaudio	Director	06 March 1998
Robert W. Shanks	Director	01 June 1998
John W. Eaves	Director	21 February 2005
Kenneth G. Woodring	Director	Resigned 21 February 2005
OFFICERS:		
Eugene E. DiClaudio	President and General Manager	01 June 1998
James E. Florczak	Vice President and Treasurer	08 July 1999
Janet L. Horgan	Secretary	Resigned 15 October 2005
Gregory A. Billhartz	Secretary	07 November 2005
Thomas F. Linn	Assistant Secretary	Resigned 01 June 1998
Jolene Jouett Mermis	Assistant Secretary	01 July 2004
Charles David Steele	Vice President – Tax	23 May 2003
Anne W. O'Donnell	Assistant Secretary	Resigned 18 June 2004

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* 99% of Arch Western Resources, LLC is owned by Arch Western Acquisition Corp., 1% is owned by Delta Housing, Inc.

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