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Inspection Report

Table with 2 columns: Field, Value. Fields: Permit Number, Inspection Type, Inspection Date, Start Date/Time, End Date/Time, Last Inspection.

Inspector: Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: sunny windy 30, blowing snow

InspectionID Report Number: 880

Accepted by: whedberg
3/1/2006

Permittee: MOUNTAIN COAL CO
Operator: MOUNTAIN COAL CO
Site: GORDON CREEK 2, 7 & 8 MINES
Address: HC 35 BOX 380, HELPER UT 84526
County: CARBON
Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM
Permit Status: RECLAIMED

Current Acreages

Table with 2 columns: Acreage, Category. Rows: Total Permitted (179.27), Total Disturbed (34.15), Phase I (34.15), Phase II, Phase III (0.73)

Mineral Ownership

- Checked: Federal, Fee
Unchecked: State, County, Other

Types of Operations

- Checked: Underground
Unchecked: Surface, Loadout, Processing, Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The purpose of this site visit was to conduct a partial inspection of the Gordon Creek reclaimed site. As of the date of this inspection, the mine remains snowed in. Access was limited to where the county snow plow stopped approximately 100 yards below the three-celled sediment pond. Recent snows had accumulated approximately 24" of new snow. No offsite impacts were noted.

Inspector's Signature:

Date: Friday, February 24, 2006

Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III
Inspector ID Number: 1

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

**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 Not Applicable.
  - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference 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, Divison Orders, and amendments.

	Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
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.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Explosives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Noncoal Waste	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Cessation of Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.b Roads: Drainage Controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Other Transportation Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 and Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale**

There is one amendment pending, the phase II bond release application for the reclaimed site, Task ID #2384. The amendment has been reviewed by the DOGM staff. The following deficiencies were noted:

R645-301-880.120, the Permittee must include in the newspaper advertisement the type of bond held, and when the Permittee completed seeding.

R645-301-880.130, The Permittee must include a notarized statement which certifies that all the applicable reclamation activities have been accomplished in accordance with the requirements of the R645 Rules.

R645-301-830, The Permittee must include a map that shows the following so that the Division can determine the amount of bond that is needed to ensure reclamation in the event of bond forfeiture: the reclamation dates and acreages of each reclaimed area, the operation or reclamation status of each area, such as active; temporary cessation; or phase bond release and, areas proposed for bond release.

**2. Signs and Markers**

Signs with the required information were posted at the entrance to the reclaimed area.

**9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues**

The deer and elk that frequent the reclaimed site have migrated to lower elevation areas during periods of increased snow depths.

**16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing**

The portion of the access road partially plowed by the county appeared to be in good repair.