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Company	Dan Guy
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Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070016
Inspection Type:	COMPLETE
Inspection Date:	Thursday, December 21, 2006
Start Date/Time:	12/21/2006 9:50:00 AM
End Date/Time:	12/21/2006 12:00:00 PM
Last Inspection:	Tuesday, November 21, 2006

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Sunny, clear and cold; teens F.

InspectionID Report Number: 1176

Accepted by: whedberg 
1/9/2007

Permitee: **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

179.27	Total Permitted
34.15	Total Disturbed
34.15	Phase I
	Phase II
0.73	Phase III

Mineral Ownership

- Federal
- State
- County
- Fee
- Other

Types of Operations

- Underground
- Surface
- Loadout
- Processing
- Reprocessing

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

The fourth quarter of 2006 water monitoring field and sampling requirements for the Gordon Creek #2, #7, and #8 Mines permit area was completed on November 20, 2006.

Access to the site was not possible this day, due to snow depths.

Inspector's Signature: _____

Date Thursday, December 21, 2006

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III
Inspector ID Number: 46

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

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Inspection Continuation Sheet

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Slides and Other Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Contemporaneous Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Backfilling And Grading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Subsidence Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Cessation of Operations	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.b Roads: Drainage Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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	<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 and Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Signs and Markers

The Permittee identification sign at the down Canyon reclamation perimeter will be replaced in the spring, or as soon as access to the area is possible. Mr. Guy intends to add the correct mailing address which is now listed as Mountain Coal Company c/o West Elk Mine, Colorado. All business is now conducted from the Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, Grand Junction, Colorado office.

4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

Mr. Guy provided the Division a copy of the letter being sent to Mr. Calvin K. Jacob and Sons, the surface property owner, requesting consultation relative to the three cell sediment pond located at the base of the reclamation area (date of letter December 14, 2006). The currently approved DOGM reclamation plan requires the removal of the ponds. A potential post-mining use of these ponds for wildlife and livestock may exist. The letter has been forwarded to the Salt Lake DOGM office.

4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

The review of the discharge monitoring reports for the site's single UPDES outfall, 2-1-W for the months of July, August, and September 2006 revealed a "no flow" condition for three cell sediment pond.

8. Noncoal Waste

The site was not inspectable this day due to snow depths.

19. AVS Check

The permittee is Mountain Coal Company which is owned by Canyon Fuel Company/Arch International.

21. Bonding and Insurance

The general liability insurance coverage for the site remains in effect through July 31, 2007. Coverage amounts for general aggregate and each occurrence are adequate. Coverage for damage incurred from the use of explosives is provided.