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TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder

FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist TW

RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek #3 and #6
ACT/007/017, Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

On June 26, 1985, I conducted a complete inspection of the inactive Gordon Creek #3 and #6 mine. Dan Guy of Beaver Creek Coal accompanied me on the inspection. The weather was clear and hot.

All mining was completed on the area and portals for both areas have been sealed and covered with earth. According to Mr. Guy block seals were constructed before the earth plugs were installed.

No activity was occurring on the permit area during this inspection. The operator is waiting for approval of the mining and reclamation plan by the Division to begin reclamation. All facilities for the site with the exception of the electric substation have been removed from the area. Scrap and other debris is scattered over the pads. According to Mr. Guy this will be removed by a contractor.

Pads and slopes for the site appeared stable with no significant evidence of erosion or failure. Berms to route disturbed runoff were worn but functional with no evidence of any contaminated flow bypassing controls.

Both intermittent drainages which pass through the site had water flowing in the channels on this date. Both drainages appeared adequately protected by berms from contamination. Culverts which route these appeared open and functional with no signs of sediment buildup in inlets or outlets.

The three sediment ponds appeared stable with no evidence of slope erosion or failure. The upper two structures have a large volume of sediment present, however, capacity of the third structure remains good. No inflow to the structures nor was there any water present in any of the structures. No discharge from the third pond outlet to the stream was noted.

The mine access road appeared stable with no rutting or significant surface erosion. An outslope where a previous violation had been issued in the past by another inspector due to erosion has begun to

wear again. At this time no violation was warranted, however, if the area is not maintained the potential for enforcement action is high.

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