

January 29, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement
 FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist *Tw*
 RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company, Gordon Creek #3 and #6 Mine,
 ACT/007/017, Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

DATE: January 23, 24, 1985
TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
 8:30 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.
WEATHER: Clear, cold with heavy snow cover
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Dan Guy
STATE OFFICIALS: Tom Wright
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: None

Compliance With Permanent Performance Standards

UMC 771 et al Permits

Permits and information examined included:

1. Interim approval in a letter dated May 11, 1978 from the Division.
2. Pond certifications by Dan Guy in a letter dated July 17, 1984.
3. An NPDES Permit UT 0023060, which expires June 30, 1987.

UMC 817.11 Signs and Markers

A mine identification sign was observed on the site with the required information.

UMC 817.41-.52 Hydrologic Balance

Heavy snow cover was present on the site but the operator had plowed the road to the lower pad and cleared an area on the lower pad for disposal of snow from Beaver Creek Coal's #2 and # 7 mines. Beaver Creek has obtained permission from the Division, in a letter dated October 12, 1984, to use this area, but as of this inspection no snow had been stored on the site.

No other disturbance on the mine had been done in sometime. Snow depth on the area was over 30 inches . Due to the cold and snow cover, no runoff was occurring on this date.

Sediment ponds for the mine were snow-covered and frozen. It appeared that no runoff had entered them in some time. No evidence of any discharge from the ponds was noted.

UMC 817.52 Surface and Groundwater Monitoring

Water monitoring reports from the month of November, dated December 12 and 14, were available for review at the mine office. No discharge from any sediment structures was reported.

UMC 817.100 Contemporaneous Reclamation

Beaver Creek Coal notified the Division in a letter dated September 1, 1983, that #3 and 6 were closed and ready for reclamation. At this time, Beaver Creek Coal has closed the mine portals and removed much of the debris from the site. The only on-site structure remaining is the power substation.

UMC 817.132 Cessation of Operations: Permanent

Beaver Creek Coal has closed both site's portals and is hoping for approval of the reclamation plan this spring so that final reclamation can be completed this year.

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cc: Dan Guy, Beaver Creek Coal Co.
Donna Griffin, OSM
Mary Boucek
Joe Helfrich

Statistics:

See Blazon memo dated January 29, 1985

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