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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: September 19, 1991
10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Mountain Coal Company
Business Address: P. O. Box 1378, Price, UT 84501; (801) 637-5050
Mine Name: Gordon Creek #3 & #6 Permit Number: ACT/007/017
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Other
County: Carbon County Company Official(s): None
State Officials(s): Susan White, Henry Sauer
Federal Official(s): None
Partial: X Complete Date of last Inspection: 08/21/91
Weather Conditions: Fair and Cool
Acreage: Permitted 668 Disturbed 8 Regraded 8
Seeded 8 Bonded 28 Enforcement Action: None

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	(X)	()	()	(X)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	()	()	()	()
3. TOPSOIL	()	()	()	()
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	()	()	()	()
b. DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	()	()	()	()
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	()	()	()	()
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	()	()	()	()
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	()	()	()	()
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	()	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE & SPOIL	()	()	()	()
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	()	()	()	()
8. NONCOAL WASTE	()	()	()	()
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	()	()	()	()
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	()	()	()	()
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	()	()	()	()
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	()	()	()	()
13. REVEGETATION	(X)	()	()	(X)
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	()	()	()	()
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	()	()	()	()
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	()	()	()	()
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	()	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	()	()	()	()
d. MAINTENANCE	()	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	()	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	()	()	()	()

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

GENERAL COMMENT:

The site had had recent rains. Water was still ponding in diversions. The site in general looked good.

1. PERMITS

The reclamation permit expired on September 11, 1991. The operator was issued a CO (#C91-20-1-1).

The operator also requested a name change on the permit from Beaver Creek Coal Company to Mountain Coal Company in May. Last week, all insurance and bonds, in correct format, were submitted and the name change was approved.

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: - DIVERSIONS

The two culverts which cross under the road could be cleaned in preparation for winter.

13. REVEGETATION

Last inspection it was suggested to the operator to remove thistle seed heads. This was not done. Some of the thistle were grubbed out - many remain. Seed heads were left on site.

There appears to be a high density of Kochia prostrata shrubs on the lower areas and along the road. I am curious as to how they got there. This species was not in the approved seed mixture. Kochia prostrata is an introduced shrub used in wildlife plantings. It appears to be somewhat aggressive in disturbed areas. The plants show ~~wideneance~~ *evidence* of some wildlife use.

Copies of this Report:

Mailed to: Bernie Freeman (OSM); Dan Guy (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: *James M. White* #35 Date: 09/20/91