



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor
Ted Stewart
Executive Director
James W. Carter
Division Director

355 West North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203
801-538-5340
801-359-3940 (Fax)
801-538-5319 (TDD)

Partial: X Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 9/30/94 12:00 to 2:30
Date of Last Inspection: 8/17/94

Mine Name: Gordon Creek #3 & #6 County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/017

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Mountain Coal Company

Business Address: P.O. Box 591, Somerset, CO 81434

Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Prep. Plant Other

State Official(s): Susan White

Company Official(s): Dan Guy and Dana Ballard

Federal Official(s):

Weather Conditions: cool and rain

Existing Acreage: Permitted-668 Disturbed-28 Regraded-0 Seeded-28 Bonded-28

Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-

Status: Exploration/ Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture

Reclamation (Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 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 N/A.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing 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.

Table with 5 columns: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS; 3. TOPSOIL; 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; 5. EXPLOSIVES; 6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; 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; 14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; 15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; 16. ROADS; 17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; 18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; 19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) (date); 20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT; 21. BONDING & INSURANCE.

INSPECTION REPORT

(Continuation sheet)

Page 2 of 2

PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/017

DATE OF INSPECTION: 9/30/94

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

A TDN was issued by OSM as a result of the Phase II bond release inspection in May. The issues were AOC and highwalls, the Division has appealed the notices to the Washington D.C. OSM office.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. Diversions - Although it was raining on site and big puddles were observed on the road, no evidence of flow was observed in the main drainage that runs through the site.

b. Sediment Ponds - Both cells of the sediment ponds were dry.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

It was apparent that cattle had been trailed through the fenced corridor since the last inspection.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Tom Ehmett (OSM), Paige Beville (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Awwa M. White # 35 Date: 10/5/94