



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: Complete: X Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 8/17/94 2:00 to 4:30
Date of Last Inspection: 7/13/94

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 Officials(s): Susan White

Company Official(s): Dan Guy

Federal Official(s):

Weather Conditions: Hot and sunny

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.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 (4th Quarter-April, May, June) _____ (date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INSPECTION REPORT

(Continuation sheet)

Page 2 of 3

PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/017

DATE OF INSPECTION: 8/17/94

(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.

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The operator has submitted updated pages 2-3 and 2-4, for current legal and financial information. All other information was current as identified in the complete inspection conducted by Scott Milovich on 6/29/94.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permit sign was in place and displayed current information.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. Diversions - All diversions were dry and appeared in good condition. Evidence of recent rains, however, no large rain events were apparent.

b. Sediment Ponds - Both cells of the sediment pond were dry. They appeared in good condition. The quarterly pond inspections were observed in the operators records.

d. Water Monitoring- All required water monitoring was conducted, reported and observed in the operators records for the second quarter of 1994. All stations were reported as dry.

e. Effluent Limitations- All required reporting was completed and in order, no discharge was noted.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

A dead sheep was observed in the fenced access corridor at the north end of the disturbed area.

13. REVEGETATION

Field Bindweed was observed on the upper pad area, as in previous inspections. The operator stated that it had been treated with an herbicide and has apparently resprouted. Numerous thistle were observed on the slope off the upper pad.

The site appeared very dry despite recent thunder storm activity.

INSPECTION REPORT

(Continuation sheet)

Page 3 of 3

PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/017

DATE OF INSPECTION: 8/17/94

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

All bonding and insurance documentation was in order as reported in the last complete
i n s p e c t i o n d a t e d 6 / 2 9 / 9 4 .

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Bernie Freeman (OSM), Kathleen Welt (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:

Susan White

35

Date:

8/19/94