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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial:___ Complete: X Exploration:___
Inspection Date & Time: 27 January 1994 09:30-12:00
Date of Last Inspection: 29 December 1993

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, Colorado 81434
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface___ Prep. Plant___ Other___
State Officials(s): Jess Kelley Company Official(s): Dan Guy (Blackhawk Engineering)
Federal Official(s): None Weather Conditions: Snowing and Cold
Existing Acreage: Permitted-668 Disturbed-7.8 Regraded-7.8 Seeded-7.8 Bonded-28
Increased/Decreased: Permitted-___ Disturbed-___ Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-__
Status: __Exploration/__Active/ X 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.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
3. TOPSOIL	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
d. WATER MONITORING	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
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:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)1/27/94(date)	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

The only access to this site is Utah State Highway 139, which ends at the entrance to the Gordon Creek 2, 7 & 8 site. Since neither site is active, the state no longer maintains the highway in the winter. The site was accessible for this inspection, but snow made drainage ditches, roads, ponds, and other features all but invisible.

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

a. Permit INA/007/017 in force 11/12/91 through 9/19/96.

b. SPCC (Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure) plan was certified 1/21/93 by Dan Guy.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE

b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments--Sediment ponds were inspected 12/8/93 by Mel Coonrod. The annual certified report of this pond inspection was done 11/4/93 by Dan Guy.

d. Water Monitoring--The following table is a summary of water monitoring points and the dates on which they were sampled during the 4th quarter of 1993.

Monitoring Point	Type	Location	Sampling Frequency	Dates Sampled
3-1W	Ephemeral Stream	Coal Canyon above Pond	Quarterly	11/17
3-2W	UPDES	Sediment Pond Discharge	Monthly	11/17
3-4W	Ephemeral Stream	Coal Canyon	Quarterly	11/17

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e. **Effluent Limitations**--UPDES Permit UTG040014 is in force 8/1/93 through 4/30/98.

19. AVS CHECK

An AVS check was performed. All documents list Mountain Coal Company as the permittee.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

Bond #U-629895, in the amount of $138,400, is held by United Pacific Insurance Company. The permittee has applied for Phase II bond release. The application is being reviewed by the Division.

Copy of this Report:
Mailed to: Bernie Freeman (OSM); Dan Guy (Blackhawk); Kathleen G. Welt (MCC)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM); Price Field Office (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Jesse W. Kelley #34 Date: 1/31/94