



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

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: X Exploration:
 Inspection Date & Time: 9/21/95 9 to 12
 Date of Last Inspection: 8/8/95

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
 Federal Official(s):
 Weather Conditions: Fair and cool
 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 (X Phase I/ X Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

	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 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 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 checked="" 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"/>



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The reclamation permit was issued November 12, 1991 and expires September 19, 1996.

A Phase II bond release was granted by the Division November 14, 1994.

UPDES permit UTG040014 is canceled dated 9/30/95 in a letter from Donald Hilden with the Division of Water Quality.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

Signs and markers were in place.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. Diversions - Diversions flowed with no obvious problems noted.

b. Sediment Ponds - The second quarter pond inspection conducted 6/29/95 by Mel Coonrod certified that the pond was stable with no potential safety hazards. The annual pond inspection was conducted by a professional engineer, Dan W. Guy, and certified 11/16/94. The remaining sediment capacity is .6 ac. ft. which was stated to be in compliance.

d. Water Monitoring- All second quarter water monitoring reported that the sites were dry.

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

13. REVEGETATION

Bindweed, a state listed noxious weed was observed on the upper pad. This should be sprayed with 2,4,D or roots dug out at least a foot deep. The thistle on the outslopes of the upper pad should also be treated. The thistle is both in flower and rosette stage. Mr. Guy was reminded that reference areas should have the current range condition assessed. Reference areas must be in fair or better range condition at the time of bond release sampling (see DOGM Vegetation Information Guidelines).

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21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

All bonding and insurance documentation was in order. Liability insurance, effective 1/1/93 to 1/1/96, is held by Insurance Company of North America, a CIGNA Property and Casualty Company. The carried limits, \$500,000 per occurrence, meet the regulatory requirement for liability insurance. Mr. Guy was reminded that the insurance expires at the end of this year.

Bond No. U629895 held by Reliance Insurance Companies was reduced from \$138,400 to \$52,971, effective 2/13/95 as a Phase II bond release.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: OSM, Paige Beville (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: *Dennis M. White*

35 Date: 9/25/95