



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: 6/29 & 30/95, 2-5pm & 9-11am
Date of Last Inspection: 5/25/94

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: Cloudy and drizzling
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 categories like PERMITS, SIGNS AND MARKERS, TOPSOIL, HYDROLOGIC BALANCE, EXPLOSIVES, DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL, etc.



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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. The permit had two special conditions attached; Condition #1 R614-301-300 Biology (SW) and Condition #2 R614-301-400 Land Use (SW). A memo from Susan M. White dated February 20, 1992, states that both conditions have been adequately addressed.

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

UPDES Permit UTG040014 is effective August 1, 1993 and expires April 30, 1998. The permit authorizes discharge into Coal Canyon tributary to North Fork of Gordon Creek. The requirement to maintain an UPDES Permit after Phase II bond release was discussed. Sharon Falvey, Division Hydrologist, is work with Mr. Guy on this issue.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. Diversions - The diversion along side the road, adjacent to the middle pad area was reworked, no flow was observed since the work.

b. Sediment Ponds - The first quarter pond inspection conducted 3/14/95 by Mel Coonrod stated that the pond us not accessible. 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 first quarter water monitoring reported that the sites were unaccessible.

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 pad adjacent to the willow area. This should be sprayed with 2,4,D or roots dug out at least a foot deep. First year vegetation sampling for final bond release should anytime between July and early August. The Division should be notified in advance of the sampling.

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19. AVS CHECK

Mr. Guy stated that to the best of his knowledge the list of Officers in the permit dated 10/13/94 is still current.

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.

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

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: *Susan M. White*

35 Date: 7/12/95