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State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial:__ Complete: X Exploration:__
Inspection Date & Time: 3/23/95 8:30 to 2:30
Date of Last Inspection: 2/23/94

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: Cool and fair
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	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
3. TOPSOIL	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
d. WATER MONITORING	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
5. EXPLOSIVES	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
8. NONCOAL WASTE	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
13. REVEGETATION	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____(date)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	[X]	[ ]	[X]	[ ]

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

The road into the site was clear of snow and the site was mostly snow free.

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.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. Diversions - The diversion along side the road, adjacent to the middle pad area was silted, reducing the drainage flow.

b. Sediment Ponds - The fourth quarter pond inspection was conducted November 22, 1994 by David Steed. No problems were noted. The annual pond inspection was conducted by a professional engineer, Dan W. Guy, and certified. Water was contained in the first cell of the sediment pond, the second cell was dry.

d. Water Monitoring- All required water monitoring was conducted, reported and observed in the operators records for the fourth quarter of 1994. All stations were reported as dry when visited on 11/22/94.

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

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

Minimal wildlife usage was observed.

INSPECTION REPORT

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/017 DATE OF INSPECTION: 3/23/95

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 occurance, 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: 4/5/95