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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial:__ Complete: X Exploration:__
Inspection Date & Time: November 12, 1996 12:00 am to 2:30 pm
Date of Last Inspection: 09/16/96

Mine Name: Gordon Creek Mines #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): David W. Darby
Company Official(s): Dan Guy
Federal Official(s): none
Weather Conditions: Cold, snow on ground
Existing Acreage: Permitted-668 Disturbed-28 Regraded-_ 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

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	[X]	[]	[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]	[]	[]	[]
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]	[]	[]	[]
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]	[]

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/017 DATE OF INSPECTION: 11/12/96

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

GENERAL COMMENTS

The Division received a Phase III bond release application for #3 and #6 Mines on September 23, 1996. The bond release application did not contain sufficient information to allow final processing. A letter listing all deficient informaiton was sent to Paige Beville on October 24, 1996. No response has been received from the applicant at the time of this report.

2. Signs and Markers

The permit sign was observed on the gate. The sign contained all required information.

4. Hydrologic Balance

a. The site was covered with a recent snow. All diversions appeared to be intact and functioning.

b. Pond quarterly inspections was completed on September 4, 1996/. The annual pond inspection was conducted December 13, 1996.

d. Water monitoring was conducted for the third quarter on September 4, 1996.

Mailed to: James Fulton (OSM/Denver), Paige Beville (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: David W. Darby #47 Date: 12/27/96