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# State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

## INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial:  Complete:  Exploration:   
Inspection Date & Time: 9/16/96 8:30 to 11  
Date of Last Inspection: 6/5/96

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  Surface  Prep. Plant  Other   
State Officials(s): Susan White  
Company Official(s): Dan Guy  
Federal Official(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Weather Conditions: Cool and rainy  
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

	<u>EVALUATED</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>NOV/ENF</u>
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 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 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. All renewal information has been submitted to the Division.

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

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

### 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

- a. Diversion - Diversions appeared to be functioning as designed.
- b. Ponds - The pond quarterly inspection was completed by Mel Coonrod on 5/14/96. The upper pond contained a small amount of water.
- d. Water Monitoring- All second quarter water monitoring sites were reported as dry.

### 13. REVEGETATION

The second year of Phase III bond release sampling was done by the operator in June.

Musk Thistle, a noxious weed was observed on site.

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### 21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

All bonding and insurance documentation was in order. Liability insurance, effective 1/1/96 to 1/1/99, is held by Indemnity Insurance company of North America. 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: OSM, Paige Beville (MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:

*Susan M. White* # 35 Date: 9/16/96