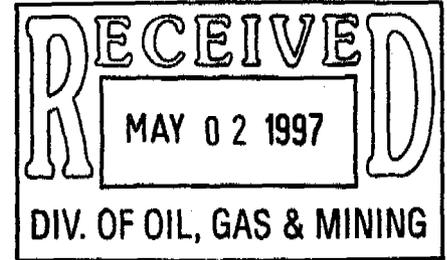


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Mountain Coal Company
West Elk Mine
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Somerset, Colorado 81434
Telephone 303 929-5015



Mary Ann Wright
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Utah Coal Regulatory Program
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
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Re: *Submittal of 1996 Annual Reports*
Gordon Creek No. 3/6 Mines
INA/007/017; Folder #2
Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Wright:

Enclosed are 2 copies of the Annual Report for 1996 for the Gordon Creek No. 3/6 Mines.

The report is filed in the format provided by the Division.

Sincerely,

Dan W. Guy
for
Paige B. Beville

cc: *Paige Beville*
File

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Permit Number	INA/007/017
2. Mine Name	Gordon Creek No 3/6 Mines
3. Permittee Name	Mountain Coal Company
4. Operator Name (if other than Permittee)	
5. Permit Expiration Date	09/19/2001
6. Company Representative, Title	Paige B. Beville,
7. Phone Number	(303) 293-7913
8. Fax Number	(303) 293-4073
9. Mailing Address	Mountain Coal Company
	P.O. Box 591
	Somerset, Colorado 81434
10. Resident Agent, Title	The Corp Trust Co.
Mailing Address	1209 Orange Street
	Wilmington, DE 19801

IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER PERMITS

Identify other permits which are required in conjunction with mining and reclamation activities.

Permit Type	ID Number	Description	Expires on
1. MSHA Mine ID(s)	N/A		
2. MSHA Impoundment(s)	N/A		
3. NPDES/UPDES Permit(s) (water)	N/A		
4. PSD (Air) Permit(s)	N/A		
5.			
6.			

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APPENDIX A

Certified Reports

Excess Spoil Piles
Refuse Piles
Impoundments

as required under R645-301-514

CONTENTS

Annual Pond Certifications

ANNUAL POND CERTIFICATIONS

MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY

1996 ANNUAL POND INSPECTION REPORT

POND: Sediment Pond

LOCATION: G.C. 3/6 Mines

IMPOUNDMENTS

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| (1) Stability | <u>Slopes Stable. Vegetated.</u> |
| (2) Structural Weakness/Erosion | <u>None Noted.</u> |
| (3) Potential Safety Hazards | <u>None Noted.</u> |
| (4) Depth of Impounded Water | <u>N/A - Dry. (10" Snow)</u> |
| (5) Existing Storage Capacity | <u>3.65 acre feet.</u> |
| (6) Monitoring Procedures | <u>Quarterly Inspection.</u> |

SEDIMENT PONDS ONLY

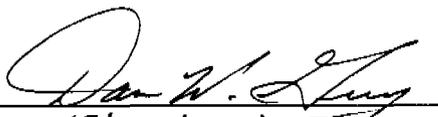
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| (7) Sediment Accumulation (Elev.) | <u>7509.5 (U)</u> | <u>7508.0 (L)</u> |
| (8) Sediment Cleanout Level (Elev.) | <u>7510.5 (U)</u> | <u>7509.5 (L)</u> |
| (9) Principle Spillway (Elev.) | <u>-</u> | <u>7513.0 (L)</u> |
| (10) Emergency Spillway (Elev.) | <u>7520.0 (U)</u> | <u>7518.0 (L)</u> |
| (11) Existing Sediment Capacity
(To Cleanout) | <u>1.04 acre feet</u> | |

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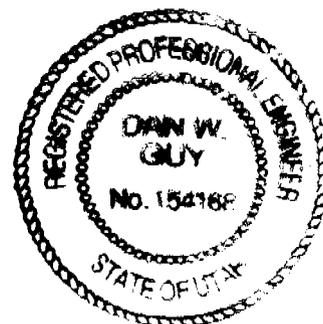
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| (12) Comments/Recommendations | <u>No Discharge.</u> |
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STATEMENT

I hereby certify that; I am experienced in the construction of impoundments; I am qualified and authorized in the State of Utah to inspect and certify the condition and appearance of impoundments in accordance with the certified and approved designs for this structure; that the impoundment has been maintained in accordance with approved design and meets or exceeds the minimum design requirements under all applicable federal, state and local regulations; and, that inspections and inspection reports are made by myself and include any appearances of instability, structural weakness or other hazardous conditions of the structure affecting stability.


(Signature)

12/13/96
(Date)



APPENDIX B

Reporting of Technical Data

including monitoring data, reports, maps, and other information
as required under the approved plan
or as required by the Division

in accordance with the requirements of R645-301-130 and R645-301-140.

CONTENTS

Subsidence Monitoring Report

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING REPORT

*MOUNTAIN COAL COMPANY
 SUBSIDENCE MONITORING
 GORDON CREEK NO. 3/6 MINE*

<i>STATION</i>	<i>ORIGINAL ELEVATION 10/30/86</i>	<i>SURVEY ELEVATION 11/04/94</i>	<i>SURVEY ELEVATION 10/20/96</i>	<i>SURVEY ELEVATION</i>	<i>CHANGE LAST</i>	<i>CHANGE ACCUMULATED</i>
<i>"O"</i>	<i>7577.760</i>	<i>7577.760</i>	<i>7577.760</i>	<i>7577.760</i>	<i>CONTROL</i>	<i>CONTROL</i>
<i>"N"</i>	<i>7892.180</i>	<i>7892.180</i>	<i>7892.180</i>	<i>7892.180</i>	<i>CONTROL</i>	<i>CONTROL</i>
<i>SUB-1</i>	<i>8269.400</i>	<i>8269.332</i>	<i>8269.330</i>	<i>8269.330</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>-0.070</i>
<i>SUB-2</i>	<i>8107.430</i>	<i>8107.180</i>	<i>8107.175</i>	<i>8107.180</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>-0.250</i>
<i>SUB-3</i>	<i>8502.610</i>	<i>8502.505</i>	<i>8502.478</i>	<i>8502.475</i>	<i>0.005</i>	<i>-0.135</i>
<i>SUB-4</i>	<i>8308.580</i>	<i>8308.645</i>	<i>8308.639</i>	<i>8308.650</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.070</i>
<i>SUB-5</i>	<i>8512.470</i>	<i>8512.129</i>	<i>8512.111</i>	<i>8512.093</i>	<i>-0.017</i>	<i>-0.377</i>
<i>SUB-6</i>	<i>8412.570</i>	<i>8412.264</i>	<i>8412.245</i>	<i>8412.253</i>	<i>0.003</i>	<i>-0.317</i>

NOTE: (1) THE AREA WAS WALKED BETWEEN ALL STATIONS. NO VISIBLE MOVEMENT, CRACKS OR OTHER RECENT SUBSIDENCE EFFECTS WERE NOTED DURING THE SURVEY.

APPENDIX C

Legal, Financial, Compliance and Related Information

Annual Report of Officers
as submitted to the Utah Department of Commerce

and other changes in ownership and control information
as required under R645-301-110.

CONTENTS

No Change

APPENDIX D

Mine Maps

as required under R645-301-525.270.

CONTENTS

Gordon Creek No. 3 Mine Map

Gordon Creek No. 6 Mine Map

APPENDIX E

Other Information

in accordance with the requirements of R645-301 and R645-302.

CONTENTS

N/A