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RE: 1996 Annual Report, Mountain Coal Company, Gordon Creek 3 & 6 Mine, INA/007/017, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

SUMMARY:

The permittee submitted the 1996 Annual Report for Division approval on May 2, 1997.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

This writer examined 2 sections of the Annual Report to determine whether or not they contained adequate information: 1) subsidence monitoring data and 2) certified sediment pond inspections.

- Subsidence data from all points are tabulated in the Annual Report. Subsidence is measured by conventional survey methods at 6 points, designated SUB-1 through SUB-6.

Subsidence appears to have stabilized at all points. None of the points has shown any appreciable movement since 1994.

- A single, 2-cell sediment pond treats runoff from the entire site.

The sediment pond was inspected on December 13, 1996 by Dan W. Guy, a licensed professional engineer registered in the state of Utah. A certified inspection report is found in the Annual Report. This inspection revealed no evidence of instability, structural weakness, or other hazardous conditions.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the subsidence monitoring data and the certified sediment pond inspection report be accepted by the Division as satisfying the respective regulatory requirements for the Annual Report.

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