

1997 Annual Report

Gordon Creek No. 3/6 Mines

INA/007/017

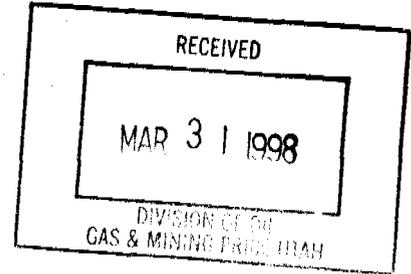


Mountain Coal Company

West Elk Mine
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Re: *Submittal of 1997 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 1997 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.			

LEGAL, FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Changes in administration or corporate structure can often bring about necessary changes to information found in the mining and reclamation plan. The Division is requesting that each permittee review and update the legal, financial, compliance and related information in the plan as part of the Annual Report. Provide the Department of Commerce, Annual Report of Officers, or other equivalent information as necessary to ensure that the information provided in the plan is current. Provide any other changes as necessary regarding land ownership, lease acquisitions, legal results from appeals of violations, or other changes as necessary to update information required in the mining and reclamation plan. Include any certified financial statements, audits or worksheets which may be required to meet bonding requirements. Specify whether the information is currently ON FILE with the Division or included as APPENDIX C to this Annual Report.

Legal/Financial Data:	Report Required?		INCLUDED or ON FILE w/DOGM?			Comments
	YES	NO	YES	NO	ON FILE	
1. Department of Commerce, Annual Report of Officers	X				X	
2. Other						

MINE MAPS

Copies of mine maps, current and up-to-date through at least December 31, 1996, are to be provided to the Division as APPENDIX D to this Annual Report in accordance with the requirements of R645-301-525.270. These map copies shall be made in accordance with 30 CFR 75.1200, as required by MSHA. Upon request, mine maps shall be kept confidential by the Division.

Map Number(s)	Map Title / Description	Confidential?
N/A	Gordon Creek No. 3 Mine Map	No
N/A	Gordon Creek No. 6 Mine Map	No

OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any comments or further information to be included as part of the Annual Report. Any other attachments are to be provided as APPENDIX E to this Annual Report.

Additional attachments to this report? No Yes

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

1997 ANNUAL POND INSPECTION REPORT

POND: Sediment Pond

LOCATION: G.C. 3/6 Mines

IMPOUNDMENTS

- | | |
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| (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>6"-8" Water/Ice</u> |
| (5) Existing Storage Capacity | <u>3.44 acre feet.</u> |
| (6) Monitoring Procedures | <u>Quarterly Inspection.</u> |

SEDIMENT PONDS ONLY

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| (7) Sediment Accumulation (Elev.) | <u>7509.7 (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>0.83 acre feet</u> | |

GENERAL

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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)

11/19/97
(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.

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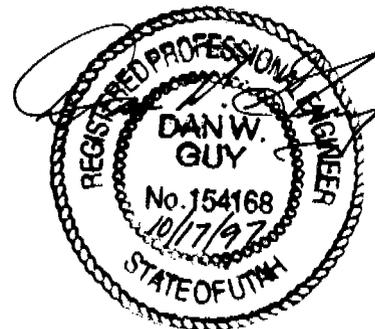
Subsidence Monitoring Report

SUBSIDENCE MONITORING REPORT

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

STATION	ORIGINAL ELEVATION 07/30/86	SURVEY ELEVATION 11/25/95	SURVEY ELEVATION 10/20/96	SURVEY ELEVATION 10/17/97	CHANGE LAST	CHANGE ACCUMULATED
"O"	7577.760	7577.760	7577.760	7577.760	CONTROL	CONTROL
"N"	7892.180	7892.180	7892.180	7892.180	CONTROL	CONTROL
SUB-1	8269.400	8269.330	8269.330	8269.340	0.010	-0.060
SUB-2	8107.430	8107.180	8107.180	8107.180	0.000	-0.250
SUB-3	8502.610	8502.470	8502.475	8502.470	0.005	-0.130
SUB-4	8308.580	8308.650	8308.650	8308.665	0.015	0.085
SUB-5	8512.470	8512.110	8512.093	8512.090	-0.014	-0.380
SUB-6	8412.570	8412.250	8412.253	8412.250	-0.003	-0.320

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.

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No Change

APPENDIX D

Mine Maps

as required under R645-301-525.270.

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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