

June 18, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: David Lof, Mining Field Specialist *DL*
RE: Soldier Creek Coal Company, Soldier Canyon Mine,
ACT/007/018, Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

On May 31, 1985, I conducted a partial inspection at the above mentioned mine site. I was accompanied on this inspection by Dave Spillman, of Soldier Creek Coal Company. At the beginning of my inspection it was raining and cool, as the inspection progressed the weather cleared and warmed up.

Mine Identification Sign

During my February 21, 1985 complete inspection, I requested that the operator post a mine identification sign on the west side of the sewage lagoon ponds near the gate to the ponds. During my April 18, 1985 complete inspection, Tom Paluso of Soldier Creek Coal Company, showed me a purchase request form dated March 19, 1985 for the purchase of a mine identification sign. At the time of this inspection, I found that the operator had received and properly posted a complete mine identification sign on the gate of the sewage lagoon ponds.

Sediment Pond Inlet and Bin Wall Construction

During my April 18, 1985 complete inspection, I informed Mr. Paluso that the sediment pond inlet and binwall runoff controls which were approved by the Division on August 7, 1984 must be constructed by June 30, 1985. At the time of this inspection, Mr. Spillman informed me that the operator had contracted H. E. Lowdermilk Construction Company to do the work.

Sediment Pond, NOV N85-4-15-1

This violation was issued on May 2, 1985 for the operators failure to mine in accordance with their approved interim permit and for failure to construct and maintain the sediment pond embankment to ensure proper embankment top width and side slope gradient. The operator was required to submit complete plans to the Division to bring the sediment pond in compliance with UMC 817.46 (1) and UMC 817.46 (m) by May 20, 1985 and to complete the implementation of the plans within 30 days of Division approval.

On May 20, 1985 the Division received information from the operator regarding the sediment pond embankment. This information was reviewed and a deficiency letter sent from the Division on May 30, 1985. The letter required that all information requested be submitted to the Division on or before July 1, 1985.

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Runoff Controls

Mr. Spillman and I walked the entire length of the disturbed area runoff diversion around the perimeter of the mine site. It was properly maintained, however, there was a small amount of material which had been deposited in the diversions which could be cleaned out.

We inspected the inlet to the undisturbed culvert in the Canyon above the mine site. It appeared to be constructed according to plans and properly maintained.

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cc: Dave Spillman, Soldier Creek Coal
Donna Griffin, OSM
Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Statistics:

Vehicle: EX 45429, 346 miles
Per Diem: None
Grant: A&E
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