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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: 11-24-87
8:30-12:00

Permittee and/or Operators Name: Soldier Creek Coal Company
Business Address: PO Box I Price, UT 84501
Mine Name: Soldier Canyon Permit Number: ACT/007/018
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Other
County: Carbon
Company Official (s): Dave Spillman
State Official(s): Holland Shepherd
Partial: Complete: Date of Last Inspection: 10-13-87
Weather Conditions: cloudy-cold
Acreage: Permitted 2973 Disturbed 12.03 Regraded 0 Seeded 0 Bonded 32.23
Enforcement Action: none

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
1. PERMITS	(X)	()	()	(X)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	(X)	()	()	(X)
3. TOPSOIL	(X)	()	()	()
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	()
b. DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	()
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	(X)	()	()	(X)
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(X)	()	()	(X)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	(X)	()	()	(X)
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	(X)	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND SPOIL	(X)	()	()	()
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	()	()	(X)	()
8. NONCOAL WASTE	(X)	()	()	()
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	(X)	()	()	()
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	()	()	(X)	()
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	()	()	(X)	()
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	()	()	(X)	()
13. REVEGETATION	()	()	(X)	()
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	(X)	()	()	(X)
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	()	()	(X)	()
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	()	()	(X)	()
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	(X)	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	(X)	()	()	()
d. MAINTENANCE	(X)	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	()	()	(X)	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	(X)	()	()	()

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1. Permitting:

All stipulations related to the operator's Five Year permit renewal have been resolved. In a letter from the Division dated 10-30-87, it is stated that the operator's response, to stipulations UMC 817.43 (1-2) and UMC 817.46, is adequate.

2. Signs and Markers:

Pursuant to TDN X87-02-0006-010, the operator has amended the Soldier Creek MRP as of 10-27-87, to include the new Buffer Zone designations. As of this time the operator has installed sign posts along those areas of the site designated as Buffer Zones. MR. Spillman indicated to me that signs have been ordered but will probably not be available until the end of December 1987. A problem with the contractor manufacturing the signs developed which will delay the operator's receipt of the signs 2-3 weeks beyond that originally anticipated.

4. Surface and Groundwater Monitoring:

The third quarter of 1987 water monitoring reports were sent into the Division on 10-21-87. All monitoring stations have been monitored as indicated on page 4-68, Table 4.4-2 of the current Soldier Creek MRP. The monitoring reports are current through 9-30-87.

4. Effluent Limitation:

The operator indicates on the 1987 third quarter discharge monitoring reports (DMR), that no discharges occurred at points 001 and 002. Point 003 discharged during this period and met all limitations and requirements specified on the permit. Point 003 averaged 1,297 lbs/day for the third quarter discharges. The permit limit is 2,000 lbs/day.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Dave Spillman (SCCC) Brain Smith (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich

Inspectors Signature and Number: *John Spillman #7* Date: 12-4-87

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4. Sediment Ponds:

The operator inspects the Soldier Creek sediment pond and sewage lagoon quarterly. The last inspection for both sites was conducted 9-28-87. The operator reports no problems at either site.

4. Other Sediment Controls:

During the inspection I encountered a large mound of refuse material deposited in an ephemeral drainage directly across the road from the operator's sediment pond and within the operator's permitted area. Mr. Spillman explained that the material had been left there by the Carbon County Road Dept. The material was to be used for winter road maintenance. I later visited the County offices and was informed that the Road Dept. was responsible for the material. I followed up with a visit to the the Price BLM offices and explained the situation to them. I was told that an inspector would be sent out to investigate and that County Road personnel would be contacted.

No other problems were encountered with drainage on site. All drainage controls are functioning adequately on the site.

14. Subsidence Control:

Mr. Spillman indicated that all the field work has been completed in respect to the operator's new subsidence monitoring program. The calculations and findings will be submitted in the operator's next annual report.

Inspectors Signature and Number: *W. Spillman #9* Date: 11-24-87