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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: December 7, 1988
10:20am to 12:15pm

Permittee and/or Operators Name: Soldier Creek Coal Company
Business Address: P.O. Box I, Price, Utah 84501
Mine Name: Soldier Canyon Mine Permit Number: ACT/007/018
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Other
County: Carbon
Company Official (s): Dave Spillman
State Official(s): Lynn Kunzler and Darron Haddock
Partial: Complete: Date of Last Inspection: November 16, 1988
Weather Conditions: Windy, cold, and lightly snowing
Acreage: Permitted 4348 Disturbed 12 Regraded Seeded Bonded 32.2
Enforcement Action: None

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

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

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/018

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits: Effective November 16, 1988, Federal Permit UT-0023, issued on May 31, 1985 was terminated in accordance with OSMRE's directive on the termination of Federal permits because the State has a cooperative agreement which delegates the permitting responsibilities on Federal lands to the State, and the State permit (ACT/007/018) was issued for the Soldier Canyon mine in accordance with the cooperative agreement.

On July 15, 1988, the Division approved a drilling exploration program with 16 stipulations that were provided by the BLM. In reviewing the status of the drilling program and compliance with the stipulations, it was noted that completion of the requirements of stipulation #4, which required plugging of the drill holes, and stipulation #15, which required revegetation of the access road and drill pads during the year drilling is performed, were behind schedule. Mr. John Miley was lead reviewer for the BLM on this project. In discussing this situation with Mr. Miley on December 8, 1988, he stated that because of the nature of the drill holes (size, depth, and conditions encountered while drilling, much of the concerns and information requirements as identified by the stipulations are not applicable. Also, since SCCC is intending to locate additional surface facilities within the areas disturbed by the drilling, the BLM will not require plugging of the drill holes or revegetation until the final decision of the location of the new facilities, and then only require plugging and reclamation of any disturbance that will not be needed for the facilities. Mr. Miley stated that he would also draft a letter to the Division stating which stipulations are applicable to the drilling program.

4e. Groundwater Monitoring: It has been noticed during past visits to the mine that a black alga-like growth was occurring in Soldier Creek below the mine water discharge point. Water samples were taken for analysis to determine what may be contributing to the problem and thus correct the situation if possible.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Brian Smith - OSMRE, Dave Spillman, SCCC, PFO

Given to: Joe Helfrich & Sue Linner - DOGM

Inspectors Signature and Number:  #17 Date: 12/14/88