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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: August 9, 1988
1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Permittee and/or Operators Name: Soldier Creek Coal Company
Business Address: P.O. Box I Price, Utah 84501
Mine Name: Soldier Canyon Permit Number: EXP/007/018-88 7/20
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Other XX
County: Carbon State: Utah
Company Official(s): Dave Spillman and Tom Paluso
State Official(s): Daron Haddock
Partial: Complete: XX Date of Last Inspection: NA
Weather Conditions: Clear, warm, sunny, dry
Acreage: Permitted XX Disturbed Regraded Seeded Bonded
Enforcement Action: None

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	(X)	()	()	(X)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	()	()	(X)	()
3. TOPSOIL	(X)	()	()	(X)
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	()	()	(X)	()
b. DIVERSIONS	()	()	(X)	()
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	()	()	(X)	()
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	()	()	(X)	()
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	()	()	(X)	()
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	()	()	(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)	()	()	(X)
13. REVEGETATION	(X)	()	()	(X)
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	()	()	(X)	()
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	()	()	(X)	()
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	(X)	()	()	(X)
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	()	()	(X)	()
c. SURFACING	()	()	(X)	()
d. MAINTENANCE	()	()	(X)	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	()	()	(X)	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Tom Paluso and Mr. Dave Spillman accompanied the undersigned inspector to the exploration site and there explained the operator's plan for exploration.

Pictures of the site were taken for future reference.

1. PERMITS:

Soldier Creek Coal Company recieved conditional approval from The Division on July 15, 1988 to conduct a minor exploration program. The conditions to approval involve stipulations imposed by the Bureau of Land Management, who controls the surface.

The location of the exploration is directly south of the existing mine office and is within the operator's current permit boundary. Exploration plans call for drilling as many as 5 holes along an old existing roadway. Core samples will be obtained using a 1 inch core barrel.

Drilling on the first hole, (at the end of the road) was commenced a few days ago but after only drilling approximately 35 feet, unconsolidated material was encountered and drilling has ceased. Drilling was being done with fresh water and circulation never has been obtained. At the present time the operator is waiting for a decision from management on whether to continue drilling or move to a different location.

3. TOPSOIL:

At the drilling site a small pad area (approximately 8 feet by 12 feet) has been excavated to allow for placement of the drill rig. The soil from this area has been piled south of the drill pad and will be replaced after drilling is completed.

12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING:

Upon completion of the project the drill holes will be plugged. The operator then plans to backfill the small excavated areas and grade to the original contour.

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13. Revegetation:

After backfilling and grading, the drill sites will be seeded and mulched. (probably this fall)

16a. ROAD CONSTRUCTION:

The road to the drill site is an old road that was put in prior to the current Soldier Creek Operation. Recent road work consisted of blading the larger rocks to the side to allow for passage of 4 wheel drive vehicles. When the drilling is finished, water bars will be placed along the road to hold down erosion.

Copy of this Report:

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Inspectors Signature and Number: Daron R. Haddock #28 Date: Aug. 11, 1988