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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: X Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: March 23, 1995, 12:00 to 2:00 P.M.
Date of Last Inspection: February 27, 1995

Mine Name: Soldier Canyon County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/018

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Soldier Creek Coal Company

Business Address: P. O. Box I, Price, Utah 84501

Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Prep. Plant Other

State Official(s): Paul Baker

Company Official(s): Dave Spillman

Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Mostly Clear, 40's, a little snow in protected locations

Existing Acreage: Permitted- 5238 Disturbed- 24 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 24

Increased/Decreased: Permitted- 0 Disturbed- 0 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 0

Status: Exploration/ X Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture

Reclamation (Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_(date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/018

DATE OF INSPECTION: March 27, 1995

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

On March 13, 1995, the Division received a response to the mid-term review. This response is being reviewed.

4. Hydrologic Balance

a. Diversions

Some ditches and culverts need to be cleaned. In particular, the cobblestone ditch east of the office has a moderate amount of sediment in it.

9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife, and Related Environmental Values

I spent about three hours in Dugout Canyon with Sharon Adair watching for golden eagles. As discussed in the February inspection report, Soldier Creek plans to do some exploration in this area this spring. A pair of eagles has been frequenting the area, but the nest location is unknown. We saw two eagles flying in the area for a few minutes at about 11:00 A.M., and we had a few other glimpses. There was nothing indicating where the nest might be.

18. Support Facilities/Utility Installations

The fuel tanks are in concrete retaining structures. The structures have drains, but the cap was missing from one of them. If there was a spill, fuel would not stay in the structure but would flow to the sediment pond. This cap needs to be on the drain pipe except when the area is being cleaned.

21. Bonding and Insurance

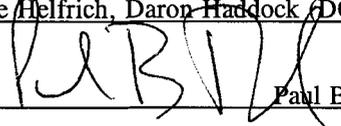
The insurance policy was renewed March 16, 1995. The company affording coverage is the Reliance National Indemnity Company, and the policy number is NGA0121020-00. It expires March 16, 1996. Coverage is \$2,000,000 for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate. The policy includes the cancellation clause required by the Division.

The Division holds surety bond number U1712871 with United Pacific Insurance Co. in the amount of \$3,238,000. The reclamation agreement says the disturbed area is 24 acres and the permit area is 5238 acres. The plan says the permit area is 4909.69 acres. Adding acreage figures shown in the plan for various leases, I calculated the permit area to be about 4946 acres. The disturbed area acreage figures appear to be correct.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Dave Spillman (Soldier Creek), Donna Griffin (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich, Daron Haddock (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: 

Paul B. Baker #41

Date: March 29, 1995