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**INSPECTION REPORT**

Partial: X Complete:    Exploration:     
 Inspection Date & Time: February 27, 1995, 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
 Date of Last Inspection: January 10, 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: Partly Cloudy, 50's, Patchy Snow  
 Existing Acreage: Permitted- 4910 Disturbed- 24 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 95.2  
 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

1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. 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.
  - b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	<u>EVALUATED</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>NOV/ENF</u>
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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## INSPECTION REPORT

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/018

DATE OF INSPECTION: February 24, 1995

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The operator needs to respond to mid-term review deficiencies by March 8, 1995.

4. Hydrologic Balance

a. Diversions

Some diversions still have ice mixed with coal in them. The main area where I noticed this problem is along the east side of the road north of the parking lot. These and other diversions will need to be cleaned as soon as the ice melts.

c. Other Sediment Control Measures

We walked a short distance along the reclaimed road to the Andersen Reservoir drill sites. We did not look at the entire length of the road because it was muddy with some snow patches. The portion we saw was fairly well roughened in the reclamation last fall. Silt fences were installed below the disturbed area in the drainages. We saw quite a few seedlings emerging. I felt the disturbed area topography matched undisturbed areas very well. This could change if the material settles. The entire length of road needs to be examined after it dries.

9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and related Environmental Values

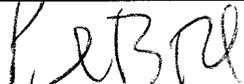
A bald eagle was roosting in a large cottonwood tree near the turnoff to Andersen Reservoir.

The operator plans to do some exploration in the Dugout Canyon area this spring. A January raptor survey by Wildlife Resources failed to find any nests, but there was a lot of snow in pockets in the cliffs where nests are usually found. Based on a recommendation from Wildlife Resources, Soldier Creek is having a person in the area one day a week for four hours each time. I was told that a pair of golden eagles has been frequenting the area, but observers have not seen a nest site. They believe the nest is farther up the canyon.

Copy of this Report:

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

Given to: Joe Heffrich, Daron Haddock (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  Paul B. Baker #41 Date: March 1, 1995