



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: 6/29/98 / 10:15a.m.-12:30p.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 5/26/98

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

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Canyon Fuel Company

Business Address: P.O. Box 1029, Wellington, Utah 84542

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

Company Official(s): Steve Nye

State Officials(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Sunny, Hot, 80's

Existing Acreage: Permitted- 5186.17 Disturbed- 24 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 95.2

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

Status: Exploration/ XXX 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.

Table with 5 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS; 3. TOPSOIL; 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; 5. EXPLOSIVES; 6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; 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; 17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; 18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; 19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) (date); 20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT; 21. BONDING & INSURANCE.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION

The permittee has initiated the dismantling of the #2 mine fan substation.

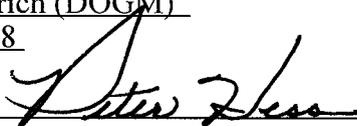
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT

A pile of coal fines/rockdust approximately fifteen feet long and from zero to four feet in depth was observed along the retaining wall adjacent to the bulk rock dust tank. The percentage of combustibles to incombustibles in this pile is not known. In order to prevent the redispersal of these fines to the surrounding areas by canyon winds, it was suggested that the fines be cleaned up. It may be necessary for the permittee to dispose of this material in the high ash coal pile. Also, it is believed by this inspector that MSHA would consider these fines an accumulation; see 30 CFR 77.202.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Dave Spillman (Canyon Fuel) Henry Austin (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: June 30, 1998

Inspector's Signature:  ~~#39~~ #46
Peter Hess