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Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070018
Inspection Type:	COMPLETE
Inspection Date:	Thursday, September 18, 2003
Start Date/Time:	09/18/2003 8:30:00 AM
End Date/Time:	09/18/2003 10:10:00 AM
Last Inspection:	Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Inspector: Dana Dean, Reclamation Specialist III

Weather: Cool ~60 deg. F., Clear, Breezy

Accepted by: dhaddock
 10/07/2003

Permittee: **CANYON FUEL COMPANY LLC**
 Operator: **CANYON FUEL COMPANY LLC**
 Site: **SOLDIER CANYON MINE**
 Address: **PO BOX 1029, WELLINGTON UT 84542**
 County: **CARBON**
 Permit Type: **PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM**
 Permit Status: **ACTIVE**

Current Acreages

6,624.64	Total Permitted
24.32	Total Disturbed
	Phase I
	Phase II
	Phase III

Mineral Ownership

- Federal
- State
- County
- Fee
- Other

Types of Operations

- Underground
- Surface
- Loadout
- Processing
- Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

Inspector's Signature: _____

Date Monday, September 22, 2003

Dana Dean, Reclamation Specialist III

Inspector ID Number: 50

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENT

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 Not Applicable.*
 - b. *For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.*
2. *Document any noncompliance situation by reference 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, Divison Orders, and amendments.*

	Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Topsoil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Explosives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 Issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Slides and Other Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Contemporaneous Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Backfilling And Grading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Subsidence Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Cessation of Operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.b Roads: Drainage Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Other Transportation Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS Check	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Air Quality Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Bonding and Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The Division is currently reviewing one amendment for the Soldier Canyon Mine. It proposes the removal of text referring to a preparation plant and a refuse disposal site, neither of which was ever built. The OGM permit is current and valid through February 3, 2007. The UPDES permit is valid through March 31, 2006.

2. Signs and Markers

There are identification signs at the mine entrance and at the topsoil pile location. Each contains the required information. Disturbed area boundary and topsoil pile designation markers are in the proper locations.

3. Topsoil

The topsoil pile is stable and protected from sediment loss by vegetation and berms. There are no signs of significant erosion.

4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

Ms. Vicky Miller conducted the second-quarter sediment pond inspection on May 13, 2003. She did not note any signs of instability or hazards and none were present during this inspection. There is some water in the pond due to recent precipitation.

4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

Canyon Fuel completed second-quarter water monitoring, but have not yet submitted the data. They plan to do so before the deadline of September 30. Third-quarter water monitoring is nearly complete.

4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations

Canyon Fuel provided hard copies of the second-quarter DMR data for review. There were no discharges during the quarter.

13. Revegetation

The re-vegetated topsoil pile has mostly shrubs and forbs growing on it, not many grasses. The vegetation is providing the necessary erosion control.

15. Cessation of Operations

The Soldier Canyon Mine is in temporary cessation. Canyon Fuel does not expect to resume operations for several years.

19. AVS Check

OGM completed an AVS check in May of 2003, noting no violations in the system.

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20. Air Quality Permit

The Division of Air Quality issued a permit for Soldier Canyon on May 2, 1994. It remains valid and unchanged since that date.

21. Bonding and Insurance

The Certificate of Insurance is valid through July 31, 2004. It provides for \$500,000 aggregate and \$300,000 per each occurrence as required by the Coal Rules. The site is bonded for \$3,238,000. The Surety is Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, which has an A rating.