



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: 8/16/99 & 9/10/99
Date of Last Inspection: 8/9/99

Mine Name: Horizon Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/020 *x6*
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Horizon Mining LLC
Business Address: PO Box 599, Helper Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Vicky Miller
State Officials(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy, 60's
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 317 Disturbed- 9 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 9
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

- 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" 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 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 (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"/>

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GENERAL COMMENTS

This inspection covered two items:

- Item #1: 8/16/99 meeting with Horizon officials. The purpose of this meeting was to get acquainted, discuss the pending Division order, mid-term permit renewal, and cover how to prevent violations.
- Item #2: 9/10/99 inspection of the Horizon Mine and a close-out with Mr. Stamatakis.

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

Daron Haddock covered the current pending items. This included the Division order and the mid-term review. Both of these items are not completed. The permittee has prepared the submissions and the items are currently pending.

The second item concerned the matter of how to prevent violations. An overview and five overheads were presented.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The general area received repetitive storms last week and the start of this week.

The two main diversions, Jewkes Creek and Portal Canyon, plus internal smaller diversion have been designed and approved by the Division.

One diversion was flowing during the inspection, IE., Jewkes Creek.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS

The sediment pond was discharging.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The matter of coal mine waste has been settled with this understanding that what was referred to as coal waste is high ash coal. This was documented in the board chairman's decision.

On page 11 of the interlocutory order, Chairman Lauriski stated, " DOGM conceded that the pile in question, called the coal waste pile, is a high ash coal pile." Also, he granted temporary relief on Division Order 1, 2, and 4; further, upheld 3a and 3b with exception of identifying the coal waste pile as a waste pile.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

The dumpster reported in the last inspection has been emptied.

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Close-Out

Had a close-out with Mr. Stamatakis. He advised Vicky Miller that she could not go onto his property. The reason for this action is because Vicky Miller took Sharon Falvey onto the property.

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

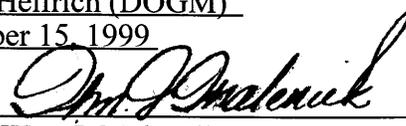
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Mailed to: David Miller/Vicky Miller (Horizon/EarthFax) Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: September 15, 1999

Inspector's Signature: 

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Wm. J. Malencik