



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: 5/18/2000 / 9:30a.m.-200p.m. Date of Last Inspection: 4/27/2000

Mine Name: Horizon Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/020 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): None State Officials(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): None Weather Conditions: Clear, Cool, 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

- 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: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES; WATER MONITORING; EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING; DRAINAGE CONTROLS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) (date); AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

- Performed a complete inspection of the Horizon Mine. The following things were noted at the mine even though no one was at the mine site.
- The coal pile is moving to Wildcat Loadout and White Oak. It is estimated that 60% of the coal has been moved since the last inspection.
- Mine was discharging water. The gauge was jumping between 400-500 GPM. Dave Miller said he measured the outfall and it measured at one-half of the meter volume.
- The operator has employed EarthFax to prepare the new permit on part of the federal lease. Was advised that the permit on part of the 1288 acre federal lease is now in possession of the Division.
- Air Quality Notice of Intent has been submitted to DEQ. This action was the last pending item on Division Order 99B. Mr. Miller stated he received a call and discussed matters with DEQ. A new permit has not been issued.
- The mine is hopeful of mining coal by July of 2000.
- Several items requires routine maintenance, IE., silt fences, straw bales, and ditches. These were all taken care of and the site has been cleaned for the coming board tour.
- The mine is not mining coal.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS

The first quarter pond inspection report was inspected and reported on 1/25/2000. The report was certified. The pond was not discharging. The pond bottom was barely covered.

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.

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16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

The mine had pulled back the coal piles from the road. The pile is about 30 feet from the road ditch.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

The bonding and insurance documents are of record and are contained in the inspections looseleaf booklet maintained by the mine. Received new liability insurance documents from the Division this month. The current bond expires August 2000. The reclamation agreement is dated July 14, 1999.

OTHER:

-Vicky Miller had a meeting with the mine officials on May 5, 2000 to bridge the change over.

-I called the whistle blowing requirements as covered in the coal rules, R645-104-120 to Mr. Miller's attention.

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: David Miller (Horizon)

Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Pam Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: May 22, 2000

Inspector's Signature: _____

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