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Office of Surface Mining  
MINE SITE EVALUATION INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION NUMBER

INSPECTION DATE

I. MINE SITE

- |                                                                                                                        |                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Permittee <u>Blazon Coal Company</u>                                                                                | 8. Status (check one)                                |
| 2. Permittee Address<br><u>North American Equities</u><br><u>1660 17th Street, Suite 34</u><br><u>Denver, CO 80202</u> | a. <input type="checkbox"/> Active                   |
| 3. Location of Mine                                                                                                    | b. <input type="checkbox"/> In reclamation           |
| a. County <u>Carbon</u>                                                                                                | c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inactive      |
| b. State <u>Utah</u>                                                                                                   | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned                |
| 4. Name of Mine <u>Blazon No. 1</u>                                                                                    | 9. Type of Facility                                  |
| 5. Telephone _____                                                                                                     | a. <input type="checkbox"/> Surface                  |
| 6. Date of Last State<br>Inspection <u>11/17/82</u>                                                                    | b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Underground   |
| 7. Permit No. <u>ACT/007/021</u>                                                                                       | c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other -<br>Specify _____ |
| MSHA No. _____                                                                                                         | 10. Steep Slope                                      |
| OSM No. _____                                                                                                          | Yes _____                                            |
|                                                                                                                        | No <u>X</u>                                          |
|                                                                                                                        | 11. Mountain Top Removal                             |
|                                                                                                                        | Yes _____                                            |
|                                                                                                                        | No <u>X</u>                                          |
|                                                                                                                        | 12. Prime Farm Land                                  |
|                                                                                                                        | Yes _____                                            |
|                                                                                                                        | No <u>X</u>                                          |

II. TYPE OF OSM INSPECTION

- A. Complete Inspection: Check appropriate box
- Statistical Sample Inspection
  - Others (citizen complaint inspections or second phase/assistance inspections - specify.)
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- B. Other-Than-Complete-Inspection: Check appropriate box and reason for inspection.
- Statistical Sample Follow-up (date of Complete Inspection \_\_\_\_\_.)

- (a)  10-Day Notice follow-up (State failed to notify OSM or to take appropriate action).
- (b)  Federal NOV follow-up.
- (c)  Federal CO follow-up.
- (d)  Others - Specify \_\_\_\_\_

2.  Citizen Complaint Inspections

- (a)  Citizen's Complaint - imminent hazard or harm to public or to environment.
- (b)  Citizen's Complaint - 10-Day Notice follow-up (State failed to notify OSM or take appropriate action).
- (c)  Citizen's Complaint - 10-Day Notice follow-up (sample).
- (d)  Other - Specify \_\_\_\_\_

III. COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

Indicate the appropriate number for each performance standard (See instructions for clarification of the numbering system):

- 1. In compliance,
- 2. Not in compliance (State took action),
- 3. Not in compliance (State has not taken action),
- 4. Not in compliance (other),
- 5. Not applicable.

A. Performance standards that limit the effects of surface mining to the permit area:

<u>*4</u>	1. Run-off control	<u>4</u>	6. Ground water monitoring
<u>4</u>	2. Surface water monitoring		
<u>1</u>	3. Mining within permit boundaries	<u>1</u>	7. Haul road maintenance
<u>5</u>	4. Blasting procedures	<u>5</u>	8. Refuse impoundment
<u>4</u>	5. Effluent limits	<u>1</u>	9. Signs and markers

\*See Narrative.

B. Performance standards that assure reclamation quality and timeliness:

<u>1</u>	1. Topsoil handling	<u>5</u>	7. Timing of revegetation
<u>5</u>	2. Backfilling & grading		8. Highwall elimination
<u>5</u>	3. Timing of reclamation	<u>5</u>	9. Downslope spoil disposal
<u>5</u>	4. Success of revegetation		10. Post mining land use
<u>5</u>	5. Disposal of excess spoil	<u>5</u>	
<u>5</u>	6. Handling of acid or toxic materials	<u>5</u>	

C. For each standard marked (2), what action(s) has the State taken to cause the violation to be corrected?

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D. For each standard marked (3), indicate what action(s) the State should have taken.

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E. For each standard marked (4), explain why it is unknown whether or not the State has failed to take appropriate action.

A.1.- A memo to the file dated 11/29/82 leaves the matter of maintenance of runoff control structures undetermined. Through a phone call the company commits to abatement in the near future.

2, 5, 6. Water monitoring ceased as of July 1981 according to state files. See Narrative Report.

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VI. ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

- 14 1. Hours travel to and from site
- 2. Acreage of permit
- 2 hrs 3. Inspection time (on site)
- 4. Permit review time
- 1 hr 5. Report-writing time

Jodie Merriman  
Signature

1-28-83  
Date

JODIE L. MERRIMAN  
Print Name of Authorized Representative

Thomas Glab  
Reviewed By

2-2-83  
Date

GENERAL COMMENTS

This inspection took place on January 4, 1983. It was conducted by Sandy Pruitt of UDOGM; Jodie Merriman and Frank Atencio of OSM. No mine personnel were present at the site nor was there any sign of recent activity. The entrance gate was locked, and the grounds, including the road were covered with about 18" of snow.

PERMITS

An interim permit was submitted and approved. A draft permanent program mine plan submittal was submitted by the company, but it wasn't finalized since the mining company ceased activities. This, according to the Utah State Inspector.

BONDING

Although no paperwork was available on-site, a review of the Blazon No. 1 mine file was made by DOGM after this inspection and an escrow agreement of approximately \$20,000 exists between the company and the state for reclamation. A copy of this agreement is to be sent to the OSM Field Office for its file.

SIGNS AND MARKERS

All signs and markers were posted as required.

TOPSOIL

Some snow covered mounds were discernable which according to the UDOGM Inspector were topsoil stockpiles. They seemed to be undisturbed, but the snow made it impossible to see any details.

HYDROLOGIC BALANCE

A two-celled sediment pond is located below the mine (east). There was no water in the pond and no indication of any breaks in the bank or of water overflow.

The dense snow pack made it difficult if not impossible to determine if a berm had been constructed to prevent runoff from streaming into Mud Creek. Mud Creek is a perennial stream which runs through the property. Reconstruction of the berm along Mud Creek was brought to the attention of the owner, North American Equities, via a DOGM memo dated 11/10/82. In a more recent memo dated 11/29/82, North American Equities

is said to commit itself to abatement in the near future. When ground conditions improve a more verifiable assessment of the existence or non-existence of the berm in question can be made. In any case, this situation needs to be followed up.

#### SURFACE AND GROUND WATER MONITORING

Blazon had a water monitoring plan approved on 07/03/80. An NPDES permit was also secured at approximately the same time. Water monitoring took place from 10/80 through 07/81 on six monitoring locations through a contract with the Von Hansen Consulting Company. This information was submitted by Blazon in a letter dated 09/18/81. The mine plan states that three approved points would be checked monthly, with records kept on site, and that water monitoring reports would be filed with DOGM on a quarterly basis. Some confusion and lack of communication with the company has occurred due to a change in operators. Blazon Company is no longer the operator, North American Equities has taken over operations for the parent company, TOE Investment.

The state inspector is in the process of contracting North American Equities to advise them of the water monitoring situation at the mine. If North American Equities does not agree to comply with the regulations enforcement action will be taken by the state.

#### PORTALS

All portals were fenced off.

#### ROADS

The road was unused and no major problems were noted.

#### MINE DEVELOPMENT WASTE

Blazon has an approved valley fill.