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July 12, 1984

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Blazon Mine
North American Equities
INA/007/021, Folder #7
Carbon County, Utah

On June 26, 1984 a complete inspection was conducted at the Blazon Mine by Division Field Specialist, Tom Wright. The purpose of this inspection was to meet with representatives of Blazon (Mr. Dee Hunsaker and Mr. Frank Treese) to discuss NOV 84-2-10-3 issued by Field Specialist, Sandy Pruitt and the measures needed to abate the violation.

A small bulldozer being used to work on the site was parked on the mine access road. Some blade work had been begun on slumpage that was blocking the drainage ditch for the road. No major grade work had been done on the slope of the road and the equipment was not being operated at this time.

Mr. Hunsaker and Mr. Treese were at the office building working on a front end loader. According to Mr. Hunsaker they had been on the site since 11:00 a.m. that morning. Mr. Treese asked for a point by point explanation of the violations and measure to correct them.

The violation (NOV 84-2-10-3, #3 of 3) issued on the Class I haulroad was discussed first. I informed Mr. Treese that the road must be graded to slope to the inside ditch, that the ditch line must be cleared of slumpage and drainage controls along the road functional. Mr. Treese voiced a concern on the material slumping onto the road and wanted to know if it could be disposed of offsite. I informed him that this was not allowable unless approval was granted by the Division. Since the material could not be disposed offsite at this time Mr. Treese asked if the material could be used to increase berms on the mineyard. As the material was mostly clear and drainage from the material would be contained by the sediment pond this is acceptable.

Failure to control surface drainage (NOV 84-2-10-3, #2 of 3) issued on failure to pass all surface drainage from a disturbed area through sediment control was discussed next. Both breaches in the berm (gravel pad and fuel tank area) were pointed out and I advised Mr. Treese that these must be closed with clean material. Also, I warned both men that the operator is responsible for the upkeep of the site and if the berms were not maintained additional violations could occur.

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The violation issued on the topsoil pile (NOV 84-2-10-3, #1 of 3) for failure to protect topsoil from erosion and contact with contaminants was then discussed. I informed Mr. Treese that some sort of control of sediment loss for Topsoil Pile #3 must be achieved and clean up of coal fines from the south side of the pile must be done. Also, planting of perinnial grasses would be needed by the next growing season.

The two potential slide areas (the portal pad and the undisturbed drainage above the site) were pointed out to both men. Blazon must have an engineer examine these areas to evaluate the stability of these and propose plans for possible actions to prevent damage to the extent possible on the area.

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Statistics:

Vehicle: EX49611, 369 miles
Per Diem: None
Grant: A&E
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