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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Mr. William Prince
North American Equities
c/o Holme, Roberts and Owen
50 South Main Street, Suite 900
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Dear Mr. Prince:

Re: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N89-17-2-1, ACT/007/021, Folder #5, Carbon County, Utah

The undersigned has been appointed by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under UMC/SMC 845.11-845.17.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. This violation was issued by Division Inspector, Lynn Kunzler on November 3, 1989. Rule UMC/SMC 845.2 et seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this proposed assessment, you or your agent may file a written request for an assessment conference to review the proposed penalty. The detailed brief should indicate the specific objections to the proposed assessment, stating the grounds for objection and what your assignment of points would be. (Submit a request for conference to Vicki Bailey, at the above address. Please reference Permit and NOV #).

IF A TIMELY REQUEST IS NOT MADE, THE PROPOSED PENALTY(IES) WILL BECOME FINAL, AND THE PENALTY(IES) WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Vicki Bailey.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Helfrich
Assessment Officer

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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE North American Equities/Blazon #1 Mine NOV # 89-17-2-1

PERMIT # ACT/007/021 VIOLATION 1 OF 1

ASSESSMENT DATE 12/4/89 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Joseph C. Helfrich

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated, which fall within 1 year of today's date?

ASSESSMENT DATE 12/4/89 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR TO DATE 12/4/88

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE	POINTS
N89-17-1-2 #1/2	10/18/89	1
N89-17-1-2 #2/2	10/18/89	1

1 point for each past violation, up to one year
5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year
No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 2

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following applies. Based on the facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within which category the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the AO will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Event

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Loss of reclamation/revegetation potential.
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

The inspector statement revelaed that on November 2, 1989 the site was visited, at which time the required reclamation work had not been performed. In phone conversations with Mr. William Prince and Carol Bjork it was indicated that NAE had not approved this work as required to be completed by 10/31/89.

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

RANGE 0-25*

*In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 15

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

The inspector statement revealed that revegetation must be performed during times when efforts would result in successful establishment of such vegetation. For this site, the seeding window is usually from October 1 to the first major snow fall of winter (end of October). If the revegetation window is missed, the re-establishment of vegetation would be delayed for at least one year.

B. Hindrance Violations MAX 25 PTS

1. Is this a potential or actual hindrance to enforcement?_____

RANGE 0 - 25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS_____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A OR B) 35

III. NEGLIGENCE MAX 30 PTS

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO - NO NEGLIGENCE;
OR Was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference, lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO - NEGLIGENCE;
OR Was this violation the result of reckless, knowing, or intentional conduct? IF SO - GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence	0
Negligence	1-15
Greater Degree of Fault	16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Greater Degree of Negligence

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

The inspector statement revealed that the operator was informed of the needed reclamation work in time for implementation during meetings of June 21 and September 25, 1989. Also during a site inspection of October 3 and in letters dated June 7, September 21 and October 25 of the same year.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B) (Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures)

A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area?
IF SO - EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation
Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
(Operator complied with conditions and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occuring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance?
IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT

Difficult Abatement Situation
Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
Extended Compliance 0
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)
(Permittee complied with conditions and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? _____ **ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS** 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

The abatement date was extended to allow additional time for compliance, thus the permittee is not eligible for good faith.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR N89-17-2-1

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	2
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	35
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	20
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	0
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	57
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	$ 1260.00

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