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### INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: October 9, 1991  
9:30 am to 11:30 am

Permittee and/or Operators Name: North American Equities, (NAE) (415) 866-7186  
Business Address: CT Corporation, Resident Agent for North American Equities  
8th Floor, 50 WEST BROADWAY, SLC UT 84101  
Mine Name: Blazon #1 Mine Permit Number: INA/007/021  
Type of Mining Activity: Underground  Surface  Other   
County: Carbon County  
Company Official(s): Steve Tanner, Bernie Freeman-OSM(ABO), Karen Jass - OSM(DNV)  
State Official(s): Randy Harden, Tom Mitchell, Bill Richards  
Partial:  Complete:  Date of Last Inspection: September 18, 1991  
Weather Conditions: Warm and Clear  
Acreage: Permitted 320 Disturbed 4.5 Regraded 2.5 Seeded 2.5 Bonded 2.5  
Enforcement Action: None

### COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	( )	( )	(X)	(X)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	( )	( )	( )	( )
3. TOPSOIL	( )	( )	( )	( )
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	( )	( )	( )	(X)
b. DIVERSIONS	( )	( )	( )	(X)
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	( )	( )	( )	(X)
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	( )	( )	( )	(X)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	( )	( )	( )	( )
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )
5. EXPLOSIVES	( )	( )	( )	( )
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE & SPOIL	( )	( )	( )	( )
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	( )	( )	( )	( )
8. NONCOAL WASTE	( )	( )	( )	( )
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	( )	( )	( )	( )
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	( )	( )	( )	( )
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	( )	( )	( )	( )
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	( )	( )	( )	( )
13. REVEGETATION	( )	( )	( )	( )
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	( )	( )	( )	( )
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	( )	( )	( )	( )
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	( )	( )	( )	( )
c. SURFACING	( )	( )	( )	( )
d. MAINTENANCE	( )	( )	( )	( )
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	( )	( )	( )	( )
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	( )	( )	( )	( )

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. PERMITS

Two failure to abate cessation notices are still currently outstanding as a result of NOV 91-39-4-2, 1 of 2, and, 2 of 2. To date, the operator has declared insolvency, and has been unresponsive to all notices and orders submitted by the Division in regard to these violations.

Subsequent actions by the Division led to bond forfeiture in the amount of \$38,000 on May 31, 1991.

In response to requests by OSM Operations and Technical Service, Karen Jass, an engineer from the Western Technical Center has been assigned to evaluate the highwall remaining on the portal bench. Karen was on site at the time of the inspection to evaluate potential reduction of this highwall. Bernie Freeman, with the OSM Albuquerque Field Office was also in attendance at the site. Steve Tanner, represented the landowner's interest during the inspection. Tom Mitchell and Bill Richards, both from the Utah Attorney General's Office were also present during the inspection.

Discussion on the site by all parties raised the issue as to what future activities will be accomplished on the site. Mr. Tanner maintained that the site should be completely reclaimed as per Jack Otani's (Landowner's) request. Mr. Freedman's concern on the letter requesting technical assistance from the Western Technical Center dealt primarily with the reduction of the portal bench highwall. Because the site is under bond forfeiture, it is not presently apparent as to the extent of reclamation which can be accomplished on the site with the existing bond amount and other potential sources of funds to accomplish reclamation of the site. Further investigation as to this problem is apparent and will be accomplished by the Division.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

Overall, sediment control structures and diversions within the site are considered to be functional. Some water was contained within the sediment pond although it did not appear that the structure had discharged recently.

11. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

Sloughing and erosion of the highwall remnant area was observed but appeared not to have worsened since the last inspection. No evidence of mass instability or accelerated erosion was observed on the fill area below the highwall.

16. ROADS

Straw bales along the road have filled with sediment and water has been channeling around the straw bales. Additionally, some small rills are beginning to form in the road and channeling is occurring where the straw bales are being bypassed. This failure to maintain the site is inherent of similar issues cited in the NOV's currently issued and which have subsequently resulted in failure to abate cessation orders. Since the operator is under order for similar violations for failure to maintain, no additional enforcement action is considered appropriate at this time.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Bernie Freeman - OSM, CT Corp. - Registered Agent for NAE, cc:Jack Otani  
Given to: Daron Haddock - DOGM, Joe Helfrich - DOGM

Inspectors Signature & Number:  # 13 Date: November 1, 1991