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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: September 18, 1991
10:30 am to 1:00 pm

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): None, (Steve Tanner - representing landowner)
State Official(s): Randy Harden
Partial: Complete: Date of Last Inspection: August 30, 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	(X)	()	()	()
3. TOPSOIL	(X)	()	()	()
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
b. DIVERSIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	(X)	()	()	(X)
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(X)	()	()	(X)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	(X)	()	()	()
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	(X)	()	()	()
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	(X)	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE & SPOIL	(X)	()	()	()
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	()	()	(X)	()
8. NONCOAL WASTE	(X)	()	()	()
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	(X)	()	()	()
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	(X)	()	()	()
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	()	()	(X)	()
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	(X)	()	()	()
13. REVEGETATION	(X)	()	()	()
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	()	()	(X)	()
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	()	()	(X)	()
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	(X)	()	()	()
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	(X)	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	(X)	()	()	()
d. MAINTENANCE	()	(X)	()	(X)
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	(X)	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	(X)	()	()	()

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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, the Division has requested technical assistance to investigate proposed actions to require complete reclamation of the entire permit area under bond forfeiture. The forfeited bond amount was for maintenance and monitoring of the site under its current configuration and is considered to be inadequate to provide for total reclamation of the facilities to the pre-mining land use, however alternate sources of funds for this reclamation is under review.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

Overall, sediment control structures and diversions within the site are considered to be functional. Heavy rains in the past three months have led to some deterioration of the alternate sediment control structures along the access road to the mine site. Some water was contained within the sediment pond although it did not appear that the structure had discharged recently.

11. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

Some evidence of additional sloughing and erosion of the highwall remnant area was observed and was most likely a result of heavy rainfall during the weeks prior to the inspection. No evidence of mass instability or accelerated erosion was observed on the fill area below the highwall.

16. ROADS

Some of the straw bales along the road have filled with sediment and water is 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: October 3, 1991