

October 10, 1979

MEMO TO COAL FILE:

Re: Swisher Coal Company
C.V. Spur Prep. Plant and
Loadout Facility
ACT/007/022
Carbon County, Utah

On September 19, 1979 this operation was inspected jointly by State and Federal officials and Swisher Coal Company personnel, Dan Guy, Chief Engineer, and Dwight Killpack, Plant Superintendent. Doug Stewart, Joe Helfrich, and Jim Smith represented the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. Gary Fritz represented the Office of Surface Mining.

One violation was issued by the Office of Surface Mining for operating without having an approved permit. A Mining and Reclamation Plan (MR Form 2) was completed and sent to the Division the following day.

The C.V. Spur Preparation Plant and Loadout Facility entails approximately 31 acres. A 120 foot diameter static thickener is in the process of being installed and will handle around 200-250 tons per hour. Refuse from the plant is hauled by truck to a disposal area in the southeast section of the property. One minor problem noted with the refuse disposal area was the encroachment of the refuse towards the elevated railroad bed, covering surface material (manco shale) which had not been removed prior to disposal. It was suggested that some markers be established along the perimeter of the disposal area to correct this problem. All surface drainage flows toward the northeast corner and a series of three cleaning ponds near the pump house. Ponds are separated by an earthen dike and gravel filters.

Topsoil and subsurface soil has been stockpiled and marked appropriately with signs.

Vegetation noted in the area included tansy mustard, halogeton, Russian thistle, gumweed, sunflower, globe mallow, mat and Nuttall's saltbush, shadscale, rabbitbrush, and Indian ricegrass.

JWS
JAMES W. SMITH
RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

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cc: Murray Smith, O.S.M., Denver ;

Note: For Travel Statistics see Co-op Coal Mine Memo dated September 24, 1979.