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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: July 20, 1988
8:50-11:15 a.m.

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Permittee and/or Operators Name: Soldier Creek Coal Co.
Business Address: P.O. Box I Price, Utah 84501
Mine Name: Banning Siding Loadout Permit Number: PRO/007/034
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Other XX
County: Carbon State: Utah
Company Official(s): Chris Allen
State Official(s): Daron Haddock and Sue Linner
Partial: XX Complete: Date of Last Inspection: June 10, 1988
Weather Conditions: Sunny, hot and dry
Acreage: Permitted 36 Disturbed 25.6 Regraded Seeded Bonded
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	()	()	()	()
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	()	()	()	()
b. DIVERSIONS	()	()	()	()
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	(X)	()	()	(X)
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(X)	()	()	(X)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	()	()	()	()
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	(X)	()	()	(X)
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	()	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND 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	(X)	()	()	(X)
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	()	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	(X)	()	()	(X)
d. MAINTENANCE	()	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	()	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	()	()	()	()

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1. PERMITS:

The operator has submitted a response to the deficiencies noted in the Division's Initial Completeness Review of the permit application package. The Division is now reviewing that response, and if determined adequate, the operator will be able to proceed with public notice.

4c., 16a. SEDIMENT PONDS AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION:

A copy of the Division's policy regarding certification requirements for sediment ponds and class I haul roads was given to Mr. Allen and the contents discussed.

4d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES:

The straw bales and silt fences along the south end of the site were inspected and appeared to be in good condition. The berm along the north fence appears to be weak in a couple of areas. Although at the present time there is no problem with erosion, the berm should probably be strengthened to prevent future compliance problems.

4f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS:

On June 9, 1988 the Utah Department of Health sent approval for Soldier Creek Coal Co. to discharge from point 002 in accordance with UPDES permit UT 0023817. The operator now has two discharge points associated with this site.

The operator is also applying for an increase to the effluent limitations in their UPDES permit because it is felt that the ground water in this area is naturally higher than the current limitations.

The operator exceeded the effluent limitations of the UPDES permit for TDS in both June and July. In June, TDS levels were 4074 mg/l and in July levels were 3972 mg/l. The current permit allows for discharge of 3000 mg/l TDS.

The operator sent a letter to DOGM, state health and EPA apprising them of the exceedence. Enforcement action will only be taken as directed by the State Department of Health.

At the time of this inspection there was no water being discharged from the site.

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16c. ROAD SURFACING:

The haul roads on the site have just been resurfaced with asphalt and the road embankments regraded.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Chris Allen, Soldier Creek Coal Co.

Mailed to SLC for: Brian Smith, OSM; Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Filed to: PFO

Inspectors Signature and Number: Daron R. Haddock #28 Date: July 21, 1988