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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: Nov 12, 1991
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Soldier Creek Coal Co/Savage
Business Address: P. O. Box I, Price, Utah 84501 Phone: 637-6360
Mine Name: Banning Siding Loadout Permit Number: ACT/007/034
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Other X
County: Carbon Company Official(s): John Pappas
State Officials(s): Priscilla Burton, Paul Baker
Federal Official(s): None
Partial: X Complete: Date of last Inspection: 10/18/91
Weather Conditions: Sunshine, 50°'s
Acreage: Permitted 36 Disturbed 26.1 Regraded Seeded
Bonded 21.4 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	()	()	()	()
b. DIVERSIONS	(x)	()	()	()
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	(x)	()	()	()
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(x)	()	()	(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	(x)	()	()	(x)
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	()	()	()	()
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	()	()	()	()
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	()	()	()	()
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	(x)	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	()	()	()	()
d. MAINTENANCE	()	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	()	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	()	()	()	()

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/034 DATE OF INSPECTION: 11/13/91
(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. PERMITS

By Division Order, the boundary of the disturbed area has been enlarged to include access to the rail loadout. The areas directly northeast and southwest of the control building and west of the railroad track will be included into the next drawing of Ex 2.1-2. This exhibit must have a north arrow and be certified by a P.E. The additional acreage must be indicated on pg 2-1 of the MRP. Also pg 2-6 will require revision. i.e., the last paragraph regarding drainage plans. Mr. Pappas is presently working with the Division on this submittal.

4. Hydrologic Balance:

The operator is replacing all silt fences with new polyester fabric. Siltfences along the east side of the haul road are the only remaining fences made of weathered fabric. All culverts were clear. The inlets to the sediment pond have been reworked using new riprap. The pond was holding a small amount of water.

13. Revegetation

Also by Division Order, Soldier Creek Coal has developed a new test plot. At the time of the inspection, the test plots were being developed by the contractor, Mel Coonrod. The location is the same as that shown on Ex 2.1-2, although the area is considerably reduced. Paul Baker, Johnny Pappas and myself were on hand to assure that each operation went according to the approved plan. After ripping, tilling, incorporating amendments, seeding and mulching, the test plots were fenced. Mr. Pappas agreed to provide more permanent stakes for plot corners and to place plot labels on the corner of each plot. I would suggest using aluminum plant labels which can be twist-tied around the permanent roof-bolt stakes. The plot designation is then written onto the aluminum tag. The soft metal receives an imprint that is more permanent than ink. These tags are available from a plant nursery or agricultural supply house.

Copy of this report mailed to : Brian Smith, OSM
given to: Daron Haddock, DOGM; Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Inspector's Signature & Number: Amelia Branton #37
Date: 11/14/91

PART 2.0

OPERATIONAL PLAN

2.1 OVERVIEW OF FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS [783.24 (i),(j),(k), 817.11]

Banning Loadout began operations in 1976 when the Applicant received permission from the BLM to upgrade the existing road and to receive, stockpile and load coal at the site. The total area of surface disturbance at the site is approximately 26.1 ac. This area includes the loadout facilities (21.4 ac) and the haulage road (4.7 ac) within sections 15 and 16, T 15S, R12E (Exhibit 2.1-1). The total permit area is approximately 36.0 ac and is also illustrated on Exhibit 2.1-1. Surface disturbance area will be marked by perimeter markers, red reflectors, attached to fence posts and/or steel pins securely set into the ground. Identification signs will be placed at access points from public roads into the disturbed area. Locations for the signs and markers are shown on Exhibit 2.1-1.

The operation at Banning Loadout is run by Savage Coal Service Corporation (Coal Service) under an agreement with the Applicant. Coal Service is responsible for the transportation of the coal to the site and for the complete operation of the loadout. Exhibit 2.1-2 details the surface facilities at Banning Loadout. Coal is shipped from the loadout by rail cars, using a spur adjacent to the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company's main line track, and by trucks.

Bonding for the facilities is described in Section 1.12 and reclamation plans and associated costs are given in Part 3.0. The permit area and adjacent area are in the Price River drainage system which is not within the boundaries of any Wild or Scenic Rivers System. Also, the permit area and adjacent area are not within or adjacent to the boundaries of any public park, NRHP site, cemetery, burial ground or units of the National System of Trails.

The haulage road used to transport coal to the site, splits off of U.S. Highway 6-50 just after Sunnyside Junction. The road parallels the highway for approximately 1,200 ft. then curves toward the loadout facilities. Parts of the permit area lie within 100 ft. of U.S. Highway 6-50 right-of-way. There are no plans to relocate any road in the area and access to the lands south of the facilities by landowners and interest holding parties will be maintained.

The Applicant plans to use all existing structures to facilitate operations and to replace or repair the structures with items of similar performance standards throughout the life-of-operations. All existing structures are shown on Exhibits 2.1-1 and 2.1-2. The structures meet the performance standards of the ACT and provide adequate compliance so that no significant harm to the environment, public health or the safety will result from the use of the structures.

The design and construction of the haulage road was submitted to and approved by the BLM prior to construction. The road was constructed as per BLM requirements and preconstruction conference between Authorized Officer and Applicant. The road will be resurfaced during 1988 as part of the regular maintenance to insure adherence to the original design. All drainage control devices originally installed during construction will be maintained free from debris that could impair the functions of the devices.

All drainage from the railroad company's main line and the spur will be kept separate from the surface disturbance drainage. This drainage will flow parallel to the main line and toward the south end of the loadout facilities (Exhibit 2.1-2). All other support facilities will be maintained and used in a manner which prevents, to the extent possible, damage to the environment.