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INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: March 27, 1992
10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Permittee and/or Operators Name: Soldier Creek Coal Company/Savage Coal Service
Business Address: P.O. Box I, Price, Utah 84501
Mine Name: Banning Siding Loadout Permit Number: ACT/007/034
Type of Mining Activity: Underground ____ Surface ____ Other X
County: Carbon Company Official (s): Dave Spillman
State Official(s): Rick Summers Partial: ____ Complete: X
Date of Last Inspection: 2/13/92 Weather Conditions: Clear
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	(X)	( )	( )	( )
3. TOPSOIL	(X)	( )	( )	(X)
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	( )	( )	(x)	( )
b. DIVERSIONS	(X)	( )	( )	( )
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	(X)	( )	( )	(X)
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(X)	( )	( )	(X)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	(X)	( )	( )	(X)
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	(X)	( )	( )	( )
5. EXPLOSIVES	( )	( )	(X)	( )
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND 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)	( )	( )	(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)	( )	( )	( )
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	(X)	( )	( )	( )
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	(X)	( )	( )	( )
19. AVF Compliance	(X)	( )	( )	( )

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1. **Permits:**

Soldier Creek Coal Mine ceased operations temporarily. The last production day for the mine was March 11, 1992. The Banning loadout continues to ship an occasional train load. The gate for the site was unlocked at the time of the inspection, which allows public access through the BLM right of way. Mr. Spillman indicated that the gate may need to be locked during the temporary cessation. We discussed the possibility of obtaining permission from the BLM for temporary closure of the right-of-way to insure compliance with the right of way provisions. On March 30, 1992, Mr. Spillman phoned and informed me he had spoken with representatives of the BLM. They indicated that such a revision could probably be granted. Mr. Spillman is drafting a letter of request to the BLM and will forward the request to our office.

Copies of the MRP, Coal operation permit, and NPDES permits were available at the site and reviewed. They are complete and current.

On March 30, 1992, Soldier Creek Coal Company was granted an extension to submit the annual report until April 30, 1992 (letter D. Haddock to J. T. Paluso, 3/30/92).

Documentation for liability insurance is available at the site and in the Division files. The current policy was issued 11/6/91 with an effective date of 1/1/91. Alexander & Alexander Inc. are listed as producers with Travelers Indemnity Company affording coverage. The policy expiration date is given as "until cancelled". The surety bond was revised with a rider effective on October 15, 1991. The Division's locked bonding files were checked and contained current bonding and liability insurance information.

The Division recently approved a revision to the permit area that encompassed the train loadout area from north access gate to south access gate. The area was apparent from the map and gate posts, but the operator was requested to further define the area with perimeter markers similar to those used for the remainder of the site. The markers have been installed (confirmed via phone call to Mr. Spillman, 4/2/92).

4. **Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments:**

Pond Inspections were current through 2/13/92. No problems were noted during this quarter.

Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures:

All sediment control features at the site (berms, silt fences, and straw bales) were inspected and observed to be in good repair and functional.

Hydrologic Balance: Surface and Groundwater Monitoring:

The NPDES permit was inspected at the site. The permit is currently valid and expires April 30, 1993. NPDES reports were inspected at the site and were found to be current through the fourth quarter of 1991 (12/31/91 sample date). Division files did not contain copies of the fourth quarter report. Division files contain a copy of the cover letter indicating the data was

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4. Hydrologic Balance: Surface and Groundwater Monitoring: (Cont'd)

submitted. The reports have apparently been misfiled in our office. Mr. Spillman will send copies of the reports for our files. The first quarter of 1992 report is due 3/28/92. The sump water was sampled on 9/11/91 and the samples submitted to ACZ lab in Steamboat Springs, Co. Results of the lab analysis were submitted to the Division on October 25, 1991.
The permit was reviewed and all parameters were analyzed. Coal quality samples (composite) for April, May, & June of 1991 results were available. Copies were made and forwarded FYI to team staff members.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Bernie Freeman - AFO, Dave Spillman - Soldier Creek Coal
Given to: Daron Haddock and Joe Helfrich - DOGM

Inspectors Signature and Number: #15 Date: 3/27/92

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