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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: July 12, 1995, 12:00-3:00 P.M.
Date of Last Inspection: June 20, 1995

Mine Name: Banning Siding Loadout County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/034
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Soldier Creek Coal Company
Business Address: P. O. Box I, Price, Utah 84501
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Prep. Plant (Loadout) Other
State Officials(s): Paul Baker
Company Official(s): Dustin Huntington
Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Mostly Cloudy, 80's, Breezy
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 36 Disturbed- 21.6 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 21.6
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- 0 Disturbed- 0 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 0
Status: Exploration Active Inactive Temporary Cessation Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I Phase II Final Bond Release Liability Year

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_(date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/034

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

A response to remaining deficiencies in the Banning plan is due July 17, 1995.

2. Signs and Markers

The two disturbed area markers next to the railroad siding have been knocked over. They are still in place, but they should be straightened.

4. Hydrologic Balance

c. Other Sediment Control Measures

The silt fences near the area seeded last year are down either again or still. The situation is the same as last month where the silt fences were marginally functional. They should be maintained. The silt fences are probably not needed because of the roughening and because of the amount of vegetation, but the plan still includes them.

20 Air Quality Permit

Condition No. 2 of the Air Quality Approval Order says, "The free-fall distances of the railcar loadout and radial stackers shall be reduced to a minimum by use of tremies or drop-chutes." A radial stacker was in use during the inspection, and it was not equipped with tremies or a drop-chute. A conveyor carried coal to the top of the stacker from which it fell approximately 20 feet through the air to the stack. With the breeze, it appeared that a fair amount of coal did not fall into the stack. It appeared most of this coal fell out before going off the disturbed area, however.

On July 17, Dave Spillman of Soldier Creek told me by telephone the company tries to reduce the distance coal falls by having the pile under the stacker be as near the top of the stacker as possible.

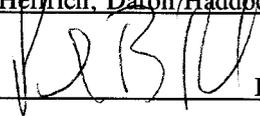
I telephoned Jeff Dean of the Division of Air Quality about the problem. He asked me to send him a copy of a photograph with a letter describing the situation. I agreed to do this and will as soon as the photographs are back from the company developing them. Based on the information I provided, he expected Air Quality would write Soldier Creek a warning. If there was a second occurrence, he anticipated they would write a notice of violation. Since Air Quality is the lead agency for Air Quality Approval Orders and since it is anticipated they will take some type of enforcement action, I decided to forego enforcement action for the present.

I suggested Soldier Creek attempt to change the terms of the Approval Order if the current requirements are not feasible. However, Soldier Creek has had a continuing problem with coal fines blowing outside the disturbed area, and relaxation of the requirements may not be prudent.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Dave Spillman (Soldier Creek), Donna Griffin (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich, Daron Haddock (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  Paul B. Baker #41 Date: July 17, 1995