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State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial:_ Complete: XXX Exploration:__
Inspection Date & Time: 12/30/96 / 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 11/12&13/96

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 1029, Wellington, Utah 84542
Type of Mining Activity: Underground__ Surface__ Prep. Plant XXX Other__
Company Official(s): John Frederick
State Officials(s): Steve Demczak Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Cool, 20's
Existing Acreage: Permitted-36 Disturbed-21.6 Regraded-0 Seeded-0 Bonded-21.6
Increased/Decreased: Permitted-___ Disturbed-___ Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-___
Status: _Exploration/ XXX 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
1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
   a. 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.
   b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. 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	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
3.	TOPSOIL	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a.	DIVERSIONS	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
b.	SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
c.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	[XX]	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]
d.	WATER MONITORING	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
e.	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
5.	EXPLOSIVES	[ ]	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
13.	REVEGETATION	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
14.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
16.	ROADS:				
a.	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
b.	DRAINAGE CONTROLS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
17.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
18.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
19.	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____(date)	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
20.	AIR QUALITY PERMIT	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE	[XX]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

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1. PERMIT -

a) The third quarter pond inspection was made on September 25, 1996 with no hazardous conditions being reported. The permittee inspected the sediment pond for fourth quarter on December 18, 1996. There was no report of hazardous conditions.

b) The permittee has taken the yearly ground water well sample on December 18, 1996. The field notes were reviewed. This information will be in the annual report.

c) The insurance acord form was reviewed and will expires March 1997. The acord form meets the minimum requirements of the R645 regulations.

d) Banning Loadout did not discharge water form the sediment pond for third and fourth quarter of 1996. The NPDES permit will expires on April 30, 1998.

e) The reclamation agreement was reviewed and expires in 1998.

f) The SPCC Plan will need to be reviewed by a P.E. before June 1997.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS -

The identification signs will need to be changed once ARCO has been approved by the Division to acquire the Banning property.

4A. DIVERSIONS -

The diversions were spot-checked and additional grading work is needed on the berm near the fence line by the railroad. The permittee has agree to do the maintenance before the next inspection.

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4B. SEDIMENT POND -

The sediment pond did contain a small amount of water but it is very unlikely that it will discharge water in the near future. There were no signs of any hazardous conditions to the sediment pond. The pond was stable with no signs of erosion.

4C. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES -

The silt fences were functioning as they were designed in the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Dave Spillman (Soldier Creek) Marcia Petta (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: January 2, 1997

Inspector's Signature: #39
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