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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: 3/23/98 / 7:30a.m.-10:00a.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 2/17/98

Mine Name: Banning Siding Loadout County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/034
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Canyon Fuel Company
Business Address: P.O. Box 1029, Wellington, Utah 84542
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Prep. Plant XXX Other
Company Official(s): None
State Officials(s): Steve Demczak Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: 40'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.

Table with 5 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES; WATER MONITORING; EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING; DRAINAGE CONTROLS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) (date); AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.



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1. PERMIT -

The permittee at this time does not have any minor amendments submitted to the Division.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS -

If the sell of properties to Arch Minerals takes place, the identification signs may need to be changed. This depends on the corporation structure.

4a. DIVERSIONS -

The diversions were spot-checked and conformed to the performance standards in the Utah Coal Rules.

No water was running within the diversions during the inspection.

4b. SEDIMENT PONDS -

The fourth quarter inspection of the sediment pond was P.E. certified.

There were no signs of hazardous conditions. Embankments were stable and no major erosion was taking place.

The sediment pond contained a small amount of water, but discharging of water was not likely to happen.

4c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES -

Several silt fences along the road to the facility needs to be cleaned out. It, at present, is not a violation but in time could be one.

4e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS -

There was no discharge of water from the NPDES sites for fourth quarter of 1997.

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21. BONDING AND INSURANCE -

The bonding amount was set at \$350,000. It is covered by a surety bond.

The insurance form is identical to all Canyon Fuel's coal mines. The acord form states it covers "Explosion & Collapse Hazards". The R645 Coal Rules states coverage for use of explosives. A determination is being made by DOGM SLC and Skyline mine.

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 Canyon) Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: March 26, 1998

Inspector's Signature:  #39
Stephen J. Demczak