



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: 9/13/99 / 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 8/14/99

Mine Name: Sunnyside Refuse/Slurry County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/035
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates
Business Address: P.O. Box 10, East Carbon, Utah 84520
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface XXX Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): None
State Officials(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy, 60's
Existing Acreage: Permitted-310 Disturbed-202 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-202
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 1994 Course Refuse Road)

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: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; 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; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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General Comments

Conducted a partial inspection of the Sunnyside Cogeneration Surface Mine. Rusty was not in the office. The undersigned conducted the inspection.

As a result of this inspection, no violations were issued.

1. PERMIT

In response to a contact by Pam, Brian W. Burnett submitted the requested corporate structure. Further, he pointed out that when the balance is sold, the Division would be notified.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

Diversions on the upper site were observed. Some of the diversions were repaired before the recent storms. This preventative measure averted the diversions from being out of compliance.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The disturbed area contains 11 impoundments, of which seven are sediment ponds. There are four slurry approved impoundments. Slurry cell one and two are non-MSHA impoundments. The east and west slurry cells are MSHA impoundments. All slurry cells are inactive. This occurred when the Sunnyside Mine closed and no longer washed coal in 1994. Furthermore, the slurry ditch has just been reclaimed in 1999 and no slurry will be conveyed to the slurry cells.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

There are three small areas where designed silt fences and/or vegetation has been approved by the Division to provide sediment control.

Area 1 - South of the clear water pond, vegetation is the treatment.

Area 2 - South of the reclaimed coarse refuse road, silt fences and vegetation are the treatment.

Area 3 - Noise Canyon Railroad culvert, adjacent up-slope, silt fence, and vegetation provides the treatment.

There are other soil and sediment control devices including silt fences; however, these are redundant control measures. All such areas drain into approved sediment ponds.

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6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES

The permittee has an approved site to store spoil and tipple processing waste. Currently, spoil is stored in the decommissioned slurry cell as currently approved in the MRP.

Three sites were approved so that coal waste, embankment material would be stored on the spoil piles and not on the refuse pile.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The permittee is currently mining the west slurry cell and contiguous refuse pile. No mining has started on the east slurry cell. Mr. Carlson prepared the second quarter report on the refuse pile.

16B. ROADS: DRAINAGE CONTROLS

All roads were recently graded. This included several diversions adjacent to the haul roads.

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: Rusty Netz (Cogen)

Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: September 14, 1999

Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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