



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: 10/1/97 / 01:30p.m.-4:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 9/11/97

Mine Name: Willow Creek Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/038
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation
Business Address: P. O. Drawer PMC, Price, Utah 84501
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Ben Grimes Federal Official(s): Dennis Winterringer, Gene Hay (OSM)
State Officials(s): Peter Hess, Daron Haddock, Randy Harden
Weather Conditions: Cool, Lo 70's, Partly Cloudy
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 11,500 Disturbed- 40 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 56
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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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

As noted in the Deer Creek Mine October inspection report, Messrs. Dennis Winteringer and Gene Hay of the Denver Office of Surface Mining accompanied myself, and Messrs. Daron Haddock and Randy Harden of the SLC-DOGGM office during this inspection. The OSM people were on site to examine potential reclamation problems with regard to AOC at several locations of the Willow Creek site. Areas which were looked at included the highwall above the active Mine portals, and a few of the cut banks adjacent to side drainages in the Crandall Canyon area.

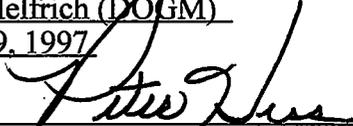
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The permittee has recently submitted amendment ACT/007/038-97G, which is a request to drill six water monitoring boreholes, one geological information hole, and cut a hole in the Crandall Canyon return air shaft cap. The purpose of the hole is to allow the permittee access to monitor water levels in the Sub 3 coal seam of the old #3 Mine. The Crandall Canyon shafts were implemented by American Electric Power in the early 1980's to access the "D" seam (#5 Mine) and the Sub 3 coal seam. It is not known if the entries coming off the shaft at the two coal seam levels are sealed. Also, it was observed during today's inspection that the shaft cap itself does not have a vent pipe installed in it. Mr. Grimes is aware that MSHA input and co-ordination is necessary before DOGM approval can be granted to perform this project.

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: Ben Grimes (Plateau) Henry Austin (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: October 9, 1997

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess