



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: 4/29/97 / 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Date of Last Inspection: 3/26/97

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, Senior Staff Project Engineer State Officials(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None Weather Conditions: Windy, Partly Cloudy, 40's 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: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; etc.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

Mr. Grimes indicated this day that an amendment would be forthcoming which would contain the "as-built" drawings for the drainage and sediment controls which have been installed at the Willow Creek site.

4a. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

There is a concern at this point that the permittee has the potential for a compliance issue due to the close proximity of several of the conveyor corridors to undisturbed drainages at the site. Coal fines, which are normally carried back by the bottom belt, have the potential to be dispersed by canyon winds causing them to land in these undisturbed drainages. Mr. Grimes is aware of this problem. As of the date of this inspection, the conveyors have not been put into service.

Another potential drainage problem exists at the site. The support framework for conveyor SC-3 sits on cement footers. This conveyor is right next to an undisturbed diversion. The gradient of the ground as of today's inspection is very near level, indicating that the potential for the mixing of disturbed area and undisturbed area drainage exists. Mr. Grimes is also aware of this problem and has plans to meet with CEntry and Neilsen Construction to resolve it.

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

Construction of the Hilfiker wall, which forms the SW embankment of the redesigned sediment pond 12B, is continuing. Mr. Grimes indicated that pond 12B is functional as of this date, but that several of the smaller construction details remain to be addressed prior to P.E. certification.

13. REVEGETATION

The permittee has completed a large amount of seeding/mulching at the site. Grass is already apparent in several of the newly vegetated areas.

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 (DOG M)

Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: May 12, 1997

Inspector's Signature: _____

Peter Hess

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