



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: 6/13/2000 / 2:00p.m.-4:30p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 5/11/2000

Mine Name: Willow Creek Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/038
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Plateau Mining Corporation
Business Address: 847 Northwest Highway 191, Helper, Utah 84526
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Vicky Miller
State Officials(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Dry, 70's, Breezy
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 14,670 Disturbed- 161.55 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 161.55
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; 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; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

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Approximately 140 feet of diversion CGD-7 upper (ditch on east side of School House Canyon refuse disposal facility) was observed to be blocked with reject material from the BTU resource recovery screening operation. The reject was dumped or pushed into the ditch by the outside contractor doing the re-mining of the pile. Ms. Miller was aware that this was a serious compliance situation, and suggested that we immediately talk to the preparation plant foreman in charge.

Mr. Reed McCourt immediately assigned a heavy equipment operator the job of re-establishing ditch CGD-7. The work was performed on 6/13/00. The ditch was confirmed as having been re-established on 6/14.

One of the stipulations for approval of the BTU resource recovery amendment was that all of the pile design criteria be maintained during the re-mining process; this includes the maintenance of the ditches on either side of the operating disposal area.

10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE

More rock has come down in the vicinity of the proposed Barn Canyon air shaft site. One leg of a UP&L transmission line support has been severed. Power was not interrupted by the fall, according to Ms. Miller. No other damage, other than that received by vegetation was observed. The rocks came from the west side of Barn Canyon.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

A concrete pad containing electrical conduits has been poured west of the 10,000 gallon coal anti-freeze tank located adjacent to the rail loadout reclaim belt. The electrical apparatus which will be installed here will provide power for the second BTU resource recovery reclaim conveyor belt drive and feeder which were permitted through ACT/007/038-AM99G.

20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT

The permittee was observed hauling refuse to the School House Canyon disposal facility. The haul road had not been watered, and large volumes of dust were being thrown into suspension by the haul truck. It was determined that the water truck had drive line problems the day before, giving the road more than adequate time to dry out. It is recommended that the permittee make it a standard operating practice to always water this road (assuming the water truck is operational) before hauling any refuse to the top of the Canyon.

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: Johnny Pappas (Plateau)

Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Pam Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: June 15, 2000

Inspector's Signature: _____


Peter Hess

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