



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: 7/5/2000 / 6:30a.m.-12:30p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 6/13/2000

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: Sunny, Some High Clouds, 60's in a.m.
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. Contains 21 rows of inspection items with checkboxes for evaluation status.

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1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

Two amendments have been forwarded to the UDNR/OGM for review; these are:

- 1) a deficiency response relative to the Pond 001A embankment, (ACT/007/038-AM00A-1) and
- 2) ACT/007/038-AM00H, the "Redistribution of Waters Previously Reporting to Ditch CGD-5" (undisturbed bypass ditch above west side of School House Canyon refuse disposal facility). As noted in previous inspection reports, a 4.1 magnitude earth tremor occurred on March 6, 2000 near the confluence of Dry Canyon and Willow Creek Canyons. Falling rock filled in ditch CGD-5 on the refuse disposal facility. The pending amendment will, upon Division approval, reroute this flow through ditches CGD-18, thence to CGD-6 and/or 7.

Two amendments which are forthcoming include a 160 acre IBC and a legal and financial information update. According to Ms. Miller, several changes have been made within upper management at RAG American Coal Corporation.

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The second quarter impoundment inspections for the site were conducted by Mr. Pappas on June 15, 2000, with no report of any hazardous condition for any of the site's impoundments. There were no hazards noted during today's field inspection of the site's various sediment collection facilities.

The monthly inspections of sediment pond 013A are current; same have been conducted in a timely fashion by Safety Department personnel. No hazards have been noted relative to pond 013A. Pond 13 was receiving mine water this day from pond 001A.

4d. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The 1st quarter water monitoring report for the site was submitted to the UDNR/OGM/SLO on May 9, 2000.

Second quarter analytical information for the following sites was reviewed this day; B71, B25, B22-1, B263, B342, B353, B341, B262, B352, B261, B271, B41, B211, and B321. No problems were noted.

Discharge monitoring reports for the site for the months of April and May were reviewed. None of the site's UPDES discharge points had outfalls. All reports were submitted in a timely fashion.

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7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The second quarter waste rock disposal area inspection/certification was conducted by Mr. Layne Jensen, P.E., of EarthFax Engineering on May 22, 2000. There were no hazardous conditions or signs of instability reported by this inspection.

There were no problems noted on the refuse pile during today's field inspection. The recovery of BTU resource recovery material is ongoing.

13. REVEGETATION

The permittee has planted forty new willow saplings in the Willow Creek channel; 10 above the access road crossing culvert and the remainder below.

16a. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

The permittee has initiated the use of BTU resource recovery reject material on underground haul roads. This has been approved through UDNR/OGM permitting action, (AM00D).

16b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS

The permittee has recently enhanced the water bar diversion on the western end of the Price River bridge crossing. This is the crossing which goes to the train loadout area.

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: July 13, 2000

Inspector's Signature: _____

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