

INSPECTION REPORT

Partial XX Complete Exploration
 Inspection Date: 02/28/2003 / Time: 8:30-12:30 PM
 Date of Last Inspection: 01/24/2003

Mine Name: Willow Creek Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: C/007/038
 Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Plateau Mining Corporation
 Business Address: P.O. Box 30, Helper, Utah 84526
 Company Official(s): Mr. Johnny Pappas, Senior Environmental Engineer
 State Official(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
 Weather Conditions: Clear; temperature range from 20's-30's Fahrenheit
 Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep Plant Other
 Existing Acreage: Permitted 14670 Disturbed 161.55 Regraded Seeded
 Status: Active reclamation of the site is occurring

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

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.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4 th Quarter- April, May, June)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

Note: The Price City water line construction project is approximately half way through the yard of the preparation plant area. Much of the line has been installed beneath the surface access road to the preparation plant main building. This road will be resurfaced and retained for access to this utility corridor as part of the post mining land use.

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The permittee is preparing a permit amendment to change the post mining land use of the mine site disturbed area such that the administration building as well as the shop building can be retained, as part of that usage.

A second amendment is being prepared to revise the reclamation plan for the School House Canyon waste rock disposal facility. The proposed plan is to "V" the center of the pile out, and reduce the gradient of the out slope. A rip-rapped drainage will be installed in the bottom of the "V". Ponds 12A, 12B, and 11 will be used to treat the runoff which is currently reporting to pond 13.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

There were no problems noted with any of the sediment ponds.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The surface of the School House Canyon waste rock facility was snow covered. There were no visible indications of spontaneous combustion; noncoal waste was not visible.

The concrete retaining walls which were constructed in the vicinity of portal #5 and which were used for the temporary storage of coal mine waste have been demolished.

12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

The permittee has backfilled the five portals associated with the highwall area of the mine. Noncombustible material was used such that it comes to a natural angle of repose immediately outby the concrete portal arches. It is not known if these concrete structures will be broken down or merely covered over when the back filling and grading process of the reclamation plan occurs in this area. The mining and reclamation plan relative to crushing of the concrete protective devices is not specific.

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18 SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The "Frac" tanks which were used to separate the hydrocarbon oils from the mine water discharge (portal area) have been removed and transported from the site.

The conveyor from the belt portal to the raw coal-stacking silo has been dismantled and removed from the area. The silo remains; it is the permittee's intent to pull this over with cables, rather than use explosives to demolish the structure.

The electrical transformer which was referenced in the January inspection report (main electrical substation) has been removed and transported from the site. The cyclone fence around the substation has been re-established in a temporary fashion.

The permittee is currently waiting on an approval from the U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration relative to the plan to backfill the airshafts located in Crandall Canyon. The permittee has received a bid quote from Nielson Construction to perform all of the reclamation associated with Crandall Canyon.

The present plan is to reclaim all coal handling facilities on the preparation plant side of the disturbance up to and including the raw coal stacking tube. Thus, the crusher building and the associated conveyors will also be removed.

The permittee is currently generating a bid package to demolish the remainder of the preparation plant, including the rail loading facility.

Inspector's Signature: _____ Date: March 4, 2003
Peter H. Hess #46

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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