

INSPECTION REPORT

Partial XXX Complete Exploration
 Inspection Date: 03/26/2003 / Time: 7:50-9:30 AM
 Date of Last Inspection: 02/28/2003

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: Cold, windy; 30's Fahrenheit
 Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep Plant Other
 Existing Acreage: Permitted 14670 Disturbed 161.55 Regraded Seeded
 Status: Active

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a.	DIVERSIONS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

As mentioned previously, the permittee is in the process of preparing several amendments relative to changes in post mining land use for the mine site and the clean coal storage area at the wash plant. Revisions to the reclamation plan for the waste rock facility are also pending.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

There are several "stream buffer zone" signs along the Willow Creek channel (adjacent to the pond #1 impoundment) that need repairing. Mr. Pappas was aware of the needed sign maintenance.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

Ponds 001, 012A and B, and 013 were observed as dry. Pond 011 contained water, with the elevation of same being well below the primary discharge.

5. EXPLOSIVES

There are no explosive storage magazines at the site.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The School House Canyon waste rock facility is inactive; the permittee continues to inspect the facility on a quarterly basis. There were no indications of any hazardous conditions noted during today's inspection. There were no visible signs of spontaneous combustion within the pile. There was not any impounded water observed on the surface of the facility. The sign containing the MSHA identification number for the facility was in place.

11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION

The doublewide trailer that was located at the site of the old Savage truck shop (up canyon of the main topsoil storage facility) has been removed. The area has received a general cleanup of the power poles, and mine rescue practice field apparatus, etc.

The run-of-mine coal storage silo at the mine site has been demolished. The cleaning of the coal from the sides of the small canyon where the storage was located was discussed. A boom type machine with a blade rather than a bucket will be used to rake much of the material down. Some handwork may be necessary to effectively clean the area. Similarly, this machine may be used to clean the slope that was under the conveyor leading up to the coal stacking tube.

Demolition of the crusher building is currently under way on the preparation plant side of the project. Nielsen Construction is performing the work.

12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

Backfilling and grading has not been initiated at this point in time. The permittee has expedited the shipment of much of the mining apparatus that has been stored in the main parking area. Several tractor-trailers were on site this day hauling belt structure and other types of apparatus from the site. Mr. Pappas anticipated that the dirt work would not be initiated until all of the usable equipment has been shipped.

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18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

Mr. Pappas indicated that the Price River Water Improvement District has expressed an interest in the surface area surrounding the clean coal stacking tube (prep plant side). The permittee is aware that this will require the approval of a post mining land use change.

Inspector's Signature: _____ Date: March 28, 2003
Peter Hess #46

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

cc: James Fulton, OSM
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