

INSPECTION REPORT

Partial Complete Exploration
 Inspection Date: 07/28/2003 / Time: 10:00a.m.-1:30p.m.
 Date of Last Inspection: 07/21/2003

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): Johnny Pappas
 State Official(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
 Weather Conditions: Clear, 80's,
 Type of Mining Activity: Underground 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The permittee intends to re-submit the amendment that proposes to change the post mining land use for the Willow Creek Mine facilities area within the next few weeks.

3. TOPSOIL

To date, all topsoil storage areas for the site remain intact; backfilling and grading activities are anticipated to begin during the first quarter of 2004.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The second quarter 2003 impoundment inspections for the Willow Creek site were performed by Mr. Pappas on June 4th. There were no signs of instability or other hazardous conditions reported for any of the ponds.

The permittee also inspected the impoundments for the site on July 17th. It is not known if Mr. Pappas intends for this inspection to be the third quarter 2003 inspection. Again, there were no hazards reported for any of the sediment containments or the thickener incisement and the raw water process pond.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

None of the site's permitted UPDES outfalls had flows during the months of April, May, or June of 2003. This was confirmed through review of the permittee's discharge monitoring report forms as well as the review of information reported to the Division's electronic database on July 28. All EPA forms have been submitted to the required government agencies in a timely fashion.

The permittee submitted surface water monitoring information for sites B151, B3N, B5, and B6 to the database on July 28, 2003. All samples were collected on June 3rd.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The permittee performed the third quarter of 2003 waste rock pile inspection on July 25, 2003. Mr. John Borla, P.E., performed the inspection and certified his report on the same day. There is no activity occurring at the site. There were no hazardous conditions noted; there are no visible signs of spontaneous combustion. The MSHA identification sign is in place along the access road to the disposal area. All ditches appear to be capable of functioning as designed.

14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL

The permittee received Division approval to discontinue subsidence monitoring (C/007/038-AM03B) for the Willow Creek Mine permit area on July 10, 2003. All coal extraction activities at this site ceased at the end of July 2000.

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17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

To date, no reclamation activities are occurring at the rail loading facility.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The reclamation of surface facilities is occurring at both the main wash plant building as well as at the Crandall Canyon airshafts. As noted in previous inspection reports, the backfilling of both shafts is occurring. One violation was issued to the permittee on July 25th for failure to comply with the approved plan. The permittee was not complying with the continuous filling requirement, which was to be implemented according to the MSHA approved plan.

The reclamation of the various coal washing components from within the main wash plant building is occurring at the present time. Several pumps, as well as heavy-duty plumbing components were observed in temporary storage outside of the building. The concrete retaining wall that served as the impounding wall for the coal processing thickener has been demolished, although much of the broken debris remains.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

The permittee forwarded revised general liability insurance information to the Division on July 21, 2003. The general aggregate amount for policy #ICH GL 137-03 is listed as \$6,000,000, with an amount of \$1,000,000 in liability coverage per each occurrence. The general liability coverage provides for damages incurred from the use of explosives within the Willow Creek Mine permit area.

Inspector's Signature: _____ Date: July 29, 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.

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