

INSPECTION REPORT

Partial XXX Complete Exploration
 Inspection Date: 09/22/2003 / Time: 1-3:30 PM
 Date of Last Inspection: 08/25/2003

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: Sunny, clear/ Temperature in high seventies, Fahrenheit
 Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep Plant XXX 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" 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 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

The permittee has submitted a proposal to the Division to change the post mining land use of the mine facilities area to an industrial designation in conjunction with the established usage of wildlife habitat. Although all coal-handling facilities have essentially been removed, the proposal would leave all of the surface buildings, as well as sediment control, and the necessary utilities. The proposal encompasses 36.4 acres, much of which is contained within equipment storage areas. The review of Task ID#1691 is pending within the Division.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The upper pond in Crandall Canyon remains in place to provide sediment control for the subsoil removal process.

The permittee is utilizing temporary impoundments to provide sediment control capability for the area being regraded. The contractor anticipates that the placement of riprap in the channels will be initiated in the next few days.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

There was no flow in Crandall Creek this day.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The reclamation of the facilities in Crandall Canyon continues. Backfilling and grading activities commenced several weeks ago and progress is taking place. All surface facilities have been removed. The backfilling of the two airshafts is completed, although the material in the #1 shaft continues to settle. Excess material has been placed over the #1 shaft collar to compensate for the settling of material.

Other activities ongoing at Crandall include:

- 1) Scrapers are hauling subsoil material from the pad area above the upper sediment pond to the reshaped lower pad area (area where lower pond and the #2 return area shaft were previously located). Two units were operating.
- 2) A dozer was operating in the small side drainage just east of the #2 return shaft location, spreading the placed subsoil on the adjacent slopes of this shallow drainage.
- 3) The dozer that was assisting the scrapers in loading of the topsoil material was also recovering boulders from the material; the boulders were then being hauled to a storage area above the upper pond where a hydraulic pick was making riprap.

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- 4) A track hoe was pulling the large diameter corrugated metal pipe that served to connect the north side drainage with the south side ditch above the main facilities area. The culvert appeared to be five feet in diameter. The main canyon flow is directed down the south side in this area, and crosses over to the north side just above the location previously occupied by the hoist house/head frame and #1 shaft.
- 5) A dozer was also operating in the larger of the two drainages receiving flow from the south side of the disturbance. On 9/19/2003, the contractor was exposing the concrete that protected this undisturbed bypass culvert. The drainage will report to the main channel on the west side of the #1 intake shaft location, per the currently approved mining and reclamation plan.

The demolition of the preparation plant facilities also continues. As observed this day, two cranes were in the process of lowering the tube conveyors that routed clean coal from the transfer tower connecting the main wash plant building to the clean coal-stacking silo. At the current rate of progress, the contractor appears to be ahead of schedule. It is anticipated that backfilling and grading operations will be initiated in the wash plant area during December.

Pictures of these reclamation activities may be seen in the "O" drive, 007038, Images, 09222003.

Inspector's Signature: _____ Date: September 23, 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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