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 Division of
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Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070038
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Friday, May 21, 2004
Start Date/Time:	05/21/2004 9:35:00 AM
End Date/Time:	05/21/2004 11:35:00 AM
Last Inspection:	Friday, April 23, 2004

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Sunny/clear/warm: 50's F.

InspectionID Report Number: 278

Accepted by: pgrubaug
 06/01/2004

Permittee: PLATEAU MINING CORP
 Operator: PLATEAU MINING CORP
 Site: WILLOW CREEK MINE
 Address: 847 NW HWY 191, HELPER UT 84526
 County: CARBON
 Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM
 Permit Status: ACTIVE

Current Acreages

14,670.00	Total Permitted
161.55	Total Disturbed
	Phase I
	Phase II
	Phase III

Mineral Ownership

- Federal
- State
- County
- Fee
- Other

Types of Operations

- Underground
- Surface
- Loadout
- Processing
- Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments:

There are no compliance actions pending for the Willow Creek permit area. The only permit condition currently pending which is included as Attachment "A" is that the permittee must submit all water monitoring data to the Division's electronic web site. The permittee has been in compliance with this condition since the renewal date of the current State permit. Reclamation activities which are being actively pursued include the riprapping of the channel reporting flow from the School House Canyon waste rock facility to the Price River, the backfilling of the portal highwall area for the Mine, the backfilling of the four rock tunnel / conveyor corridor portals, as well as general cleanup of mining apparatus, etc.

Inspector's Signature: _____

Date: Monday, May 24, 2004

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III
 Inspector ID Number: 46

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

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Inspection Continuation Sheet

REVIEW OF PERMIT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENT

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 Not Applicable.
 - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference 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	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
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.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Subsidence Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.b Roads: 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	<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 and Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The permittee has received a copy of the recorded deed from the Carbon County Courthouse transferring ownership of the Castle Gate area located NW of School House Canyon to the Price River Water Improvement District. The permittee continues to perform reclamation work in the area.

3. Topsoil

At present, the recovery of topsoil from the Gravel Canyon soil storage pile is pending, awaiting a determination that more soil volume is needed for the School House Canyon reclamation project. The recovery of soil from the main Mine facilities pile was not occurring this day.

4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions

As noted above, the permittee's contractor was rip-rapping the channel which will report the intercepted runoff from the School House Canyon watershed to the Price River. At the present time, seeding and mulching of the placed topsoil is ongoing. Surface roughening of the area has been initiated.

4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

Pond 013A, located at the base of the School House Canyon waste rock facility has been removed as the reclamation of the waste pile moved toward the bottom of the Canyon.

7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

The final surface configuration of the School House Canyon facility has been established.

8. Noncoal Waste

The permittee has completed the removal of the remaining mining related apparatus from behind the substation in Barn Canyon. Also, the secondary fan at the Mine has been removed; all other mining related apparatus has been removed from this storage area.

12. Backfilling And Grading

Several areas which have seen backfilling and grading activity include the cutbank upgrade of the prep plant warehouse building (on the School House Canyon primary haul road), and the area associated with the prep plant thickener area, the thickener pond area, and the raw coal storage area pad. Resoiling of these areas is also occurring. The permittee's contractor has stored rip-rap material and other grades of rock in this area for use as needed. Backfilling of the four portals associated with the long and short rock tunnels has occurred. The permittee installed large boulders in these openings in conjunction with the fill material in order to preclude unauthorized access to those tunnels. Some final backfilling remains to be completed on one of these openings.

13. Revegetation

Seeding of several areas will be accomplished during the week of May 24th. These will include the slope of the clean coal stockpile pad, as well as areas of the reclaimed refuse facility.

17. Other Transportation Facilities

To date, there has been no additional activity relative to the reclamation of the rail loading facility.

18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations

To date, the status of the buildings associated with the main Mine facilities remains unchanged. The permittee continues to explore the possibility of outside interest. The Crandall Canyon airshafts remain unchanged; although the #1 shaft had settled to the bottom of the fan ducts over the winter, no additional settling has occurred. The surface of the material at the base of the fan ducts in the #1 shaft was noted as having stress cracks, which may be an indication of additional settling.