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Inspection Report

| Representatives Present During the Inspection: | |
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| Company | Dennis Ware Controller |
| OGM | Joe Helfrich Environmental Scientist III |

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| Permit Number: | C0070038 |
| Inspection Type: | PARTIAL |
| Inspection Date: | Wednesday, August 30, 2006 |
| Start Date/Time: | 8/30/2006 9:30:00 AM |
| End Date/Time: | 8/30/2006 1:00:00 PM |
| Last Inspection: | Thursday, July 27, 2006 |

Inspector: Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Sunny, clear 80

InspectionID Report Number: 1062

Accepted by: whedberg
9/11/2006

Permitee: **PLATEAU MINING CORP**
 Operator: **PLATEAU MINING CORP**
 Site: **WILLOW CREEK MINE**
 Address: **PO BOX 30, HELPER UT 84526-0030**
 County: **CARBON**
 Permit Type: **PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM**
 Permit Status: **ACTIVE**

Current Acreages

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|-----------|------------------------|
| 14,670.00 | Total Permitted |
| 176.35 | 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, Division Orders, and amendments:

The purpose of this site visit was to conduct a partial inspection of the Willow Creek reclaimed site. There are no amendments pending. Portions of the operation visited included the mine yard, sediment pond, and Crandall Canyon reclaimed area. No off site impacts were noted.

Inspector's Signature:

Joseph C. Helfrich
Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III

Date Monday, September 11, 2006

Inspector ID Number: 1

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 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 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, Divison 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Topsoil | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Backfilling And Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 five year permit renewal was completed on 4/24/2006 and expires 4/24/2011.

2. Signs and Markers

Signs with the required information were posted at the entrances to the reclaimed areas.

4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

Mr. Ware had several questions regarding the Division's letter requesting coordinates for water monitoring locations. He had forwarded them to Dana Dean in a voicemail. In response, Dana contacted Mr. Ware on 9/8 with a voicemail addressing his questions. We visited the sed pond to check UTM coordinates listed in the plan with Mr. Ware's hand held GPS unit.

13. Revegetation

The Crandall Canyon shaft site was inspected. There was no detectable subsidence since the previous inspection. Vegetation was noticeably more diverse and vigorous than that in the surrounding reclaimed area. This could have been attributed in part to the timing and conditions at the time of seeding.