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# Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070038
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Tuesday, May 23, 2006
Start Date/Time:	5/23/2006 9:30:00 AM
End Date/Time:	5/23/2006 2:30:00 PM
Last Inspection:	Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Inspector: Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: sunny 75 slight breeze

InspectionID Report Number: 957

Accepted by: whedberg  
6/12/2006

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**

14,670.00	<b>Total Permitted</b>
176.35	<b>Total Disturbed</b>
	<b>Phase I</b>
	<b>Phase II</b>
	<b>Phase III</b>

**Mineral Ownership**

- Federal
- State
- County
- Fee
- Other

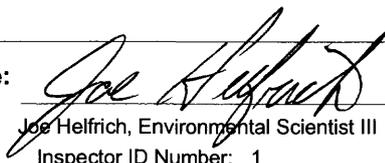
**Types of Operations**

- 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 mine. Phase 1 bond release of the Schoolhouse Refuse site (45.6 acres) and Phase III bond release of the Price River Water Improvement District (PRWID), 46.2 acres has been reviewed under Task ID #2424. The information was previously reviewed under Task ID #2344. The bond release inspection for these areas was completed on May 11, 2006 and is pending OSM concurrence. The phase III bond release application for the mine facilities was received on May 9th. The review is scheduled for June 2nd and the Bond release inspection is scheduled for June 8th.

Inspector's Signature:

  
 Joe Helfrich, Environmental Scientist III  
 Inspector ID Number: 1

Date

Friday, May 26, 2006

**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 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 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 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.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**

Table 4.5-1 needs to be updated to accurately reflect the reduction in the disturbed area acreage from the Crandall Canyon leach field. The permittee may wish to wait until all of the bond release inspections have been completed.

**2. Signs and Markers**

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

**12. Backfilling And Grading**

Reclamation at the Loadout was completed on April 14, 2006. Intermediate wheat grass is beginning to emerge at the site. As of the date of this inspection, the loadout area was stable and showed no signs of erosion.