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Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070038
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Wednesday, January 17, 2007
Start Date/Time:	1/17/2007 9:05:00 AM
End Date/Time:	1/17/2007 9:45:00 AM
Last Inspection:	Wednesday, December 20, 2006

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Clear, very cold. Sub-zero to teens F during day.

InspectionID Report Number: 1194

Accepted by: whedberg *OK*
2/5/2007

Permittee: **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	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 Permittee notified the Division on November 2, 2006 that the third quarter of 2006 surface water monitoring information for the Willow Creek permit area was in the pipeline ready for uploading to the Division web site. The DOGM uploaded this information on December 12, 2006. Thus, the Permittee continues to meet the Special Condition included as Attachment "A" of the current State permit.

There are no compliance actions pending.

Inspector's Signature: _____

Pete Hess

Date Wednesday, January 17, 2007

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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Signs and Markers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Slides and Other Damage	<input checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The remaining impoundment (located at the Western Energy Training Center access gate) was observed to have a snow covered bottom. No compliance issues were noted.

4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring

Mr. Ware indicated that he had completed the fourth quarter water monitoring requirements to the extent possible. At several locations, it was necessary to chop a hole through ice to obtain a sample. At these sites, it was not possible to determine the flow (a required field measurement).

4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations

The incident which occurred at the #2 Crandall Canyon air shaft location on November 29, 2006, has been classified as an Upset Condition, as defined within the Permittee's UPDES permit. The Division has determined that the upset is a minor offsite impact to a water resource. The OSMRE was kept in the information loop throughout the evaluation of this incident. A final determination of the incident by DOGM and OSMRE is pending.

7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

There are no obvious, visible changes to the reclaimed School House Canyon waste rock facility. EarthFax Engineering Company recently completed the fourth quarter of 2006 inspection of this facility.

16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing

The road accessing the Castle Gate area was snow packed. Access was easily obtained.

22. Other

The Willow Creek site is snow covered, with no changes visible within the Castle Gate area. The Price River has a frozen surface.