



# State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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# Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070038
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Tuesday, April 16, 2013
Start Date/Time:	4/16/2013 2:00:00 PM
End Date/Time:	4/16/2013 4:00:00 PM
Last Inspection:	Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Representatives Present During the Inspection:	
Company	Dennis Ware
Company	Steve Demczak

Inspector: Steve Demczak

Weather: Lower 30's, Snow Covered, 6 inches

InspectionID Report Number: 3453

Accepted by: jhelfric

4/23/2013

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

14,662.49	<b>Total Permitted</b>
95.40	<b>Total Disturbed</b>
187.85	<b>Phase I</b>
187.85	<b>Phase II</b>
92.45	<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:

It was impossible to inspect the Crandall Canyon reclamation site. The road was covered with 6 inches of snow. There was mud beneath the snow.

Willow Creek Mine received Phase II bond release on August 15, 2012 by the Division. The only area which did not receive Phase II bond release was the Shaft area at Crandall Canyon. This area was re-disturbed when additional backfilling of the shaft was required.

The permittee had a survey conducted on the shaft area in November 2012. The area settled 1.2 feet in three years. The shaft will be surveyed annually to check for subsidence of the shaft area. It was impossible to determine if the shafts have sunken any more during winter conditions.

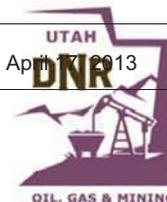
**Steve Demczak**

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Inspector's Signature:

Steve Demczak,  
 Inspector ID Number: 39

Date Wednesday, April 16, 2013



**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 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"/>

## **2. Signs and Markers**

I inspected the identification signs at the gate into Crandall Canyon, the topsoil borrow area along highway US 50-6, and next to the road along Indian Canyon. The signs meet the minimum requirements of the R645 Coal Rules.

## **3. Topsoil**

All available topsoil was used in reclamation. I did not see any signs of erosion to the topsoil. The soil appeared to be stable.

### **4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions**

The diversions were snow covered. No water was flowing within the diversions. The diversions were stable and did not see any signs of erosion.

### **4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures**

The reclamation site was completely pocked to prevent sediment from leaving the site. I did not see any sediment leaving the site today or in the recent past.

## **8. Noncoal Waste**

The site was clear of non-coal waste materials.

## **12. Backfilling And Grading**

Willow Creek is completely backfilled and graded. This site has received Phase II bond release.