



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial:___ Complete:XXX Exploration:___
Inspection Date & Time: 6/4/99 / 7:30a.m.-12:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 5/18/99

Mine Name: West Ridge Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/041 #5
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Andalex Resources, Inc.
Business Address: P.O. Box 902, Price, Utah 84501
Type of Mining Activity: UndergroundXXX Surface__ Prep. Plant__ Other__
Company Official(s): Jean Semborski, Environmental Engineer
State Officials(s): Peter H. Hess Federal Official(s): Bob Postle, OSM
Weather Conditions: Overcast, Windy
Existing Acreage: Permitted-2650.67 Disturbed-29 Regraded-__ Seeded-__ Bonded-29
Increased/Decreased: Permitted-__ Disturbed-__ Regraded-__ Seeded-__ Bonded-__
Status: _Exploration/_Active/_Inactive/_Temporary Cessation/_Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (_Phase I/_Phase II/_Final Bond Release/_Liability__Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 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 N/A.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing 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.

Table with 5 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES; WATER MONITORING; EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING; DRAINAGE CONTROLS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) (date); AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The main purpose of today's inspection was to look at the soil compaction practices in the topsoil test plot area as they compare to those which will develop in the mine yard area. The intent of the of the test plot area, as approved by the experimental practice plan, is to assist in establishing the field conditions which will exist when the Mine is ready to be reclaimed. The test plot should be able to establish accurate reclamation field conditions after a five year period. At the request of Mr. Bob Davidson, Senior Reclamation Soils Scientist with the DOGM SLO, Mr. Bob Postle, OSM, Denver, was on site this day.

The inspection of the soil test plot area has revealed that field conditions do not represent what has been approved in the experimental practice. Discussions were held amongst those at the site to determine what additional work needs to be done to make same acceptable to the requirements of the Mine plan. Moving the test plot area to another area within the perimeter was discussed, but was over-ruled. An amendment to the plan is required; the moving, segregation and heaping of additional material on the piles is necessary to establish similar compaction conditions. Mr. Mark Greenhall, Superintendent for Nielsen Construction, attended the meeting. Jean Semborski and Bob Davidson noted the changes that need to be implemented.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permittee has initiated the installation of permanent yellow steel "T" post type disturbed area perimeter markers about the site.

3. TOPSOIL

The recovery of topsoil from the Mine site disturbed area continues.

4a. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The permittee has completed the installation of the undisturbed bypass culvert from the upper extent of the right hand fork to the location of the upper cell of the permanent sediment pond.

12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

The permittee is hauling in, and placing fill to establish grade for the laying of the undisturbed by-pass culvert in the left hand fork.

14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL

No mining has been practiced within the lease area to date, hence, no subsidence has occurred. Secondary extraction of the coal seam by longwall mining practices will probably not take place before 2001.

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

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Jean Semborski (Andalex) Henry Austin (OSM)
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Date: June 8, 1999

Inspector's Signature: Peter H. Hess #46
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