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June 16, 1978

Memo to File:

Re: Western States Coal Corp.
Dog Valley Coal Mine
Emery County, Utah
ACT/015/002

This mining operation was inspected on June 14, 1978 by Mike Thompson and Jim Smith. They were accompanied by Mr. Bill Sikes, Mining Engineer for Western States Coal Corporation. The purpose of the visit was to view their operation and discuss their plans in light of the requirements promulgated under P.L. 95-87.

According to Mr. Sikes, plans are currently being drawn up to modify the operation and bring it into compliance with the Federal Rules and Regulations, and will be submitted as soon as they are finalized.

The existing tipples are to be torn down, beginning sometime around August 1st, and replaced with a new wash plant facility, expected to be completed by Thanksgiving of this year. The bath house facility will be moved to the lower level and existing coal refuse will be cycled through the wash plant, to recover the coal present. Water for the wash plant is expected to come from five (5) wells drilled on the property.

Plans for drainage and diversion structures, the sediment and waste pond, refuse location, and waste disposal will also be submitted. Currently, there are no drainage control facilities, but no perennial or ephemeral drainages exist in the immediate area so there is no problem with contamination of surface waters. However, there is a severe dust problem present, which should be resolved with the installation of the new wash plant.

JWS
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