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November 4, 1980

Mr. Ron Daniels  
Coordinator of Mined Land Development  
Department of Natural Resources  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find a copy(s) of on-site inspection report. The inspection was conducted within HUNTINGTON #4 MINE during the period of September 16, 1980.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Ehmett, Acting Chief  
Division of Inspection & Enforcement

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REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

BEAVER CREEK COAL COMPANY  
HUNTINGTON #4 MINE  
1109 South Carbon Avenue  
Price, Utah 84501  
(801) 637-5050

DATE: September 16, 1980  
WEATHER: Sunny and warm  
COUNTY AND STATE: Emery County, Utah  
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Dan Guy  
STATE OFFICIAL: Wayne Hedberg  
OSM OFFICIAL: Larry Damrau  
STATE PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/015/004  
MSHA ID NUMBER: 42-01270  
FEDERAL LEASE NUMBERS: SL-064903 and U-33454  
STATE ENFORCEMENT ACTION: None  
FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION: NOV 80-5-3-13 (one violation)

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERIM REGULATIONS

717.11 General Obligations

The following permits/plans with approval dates were observed at the mine office:

NPDES Permit No. UT-0023116 issued October 11, 1977.  
NPDES Permit No. UT-0023132 issued September 25, 1978.  
Mining and Reclamation Plan for Federal Coal Leases SL-064903 and U-33454 approved January 28, 1980.  
OSM approval of Mining and Reclamation Plan dated January 30, 1980.

717.12 Signs and Markers

A mine and permit identification sign with required information was posted at the gate leading to the portal area.

717.14 Backfilling and Grading

All areas affected at the minesite are presently being utilized. Backfilling and grading operations will not be initiated until mining operations are terminated.

717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System

Surface water monitoring was being conducted above and below the minesite. Review of the monitoring records revealed that effluent limitations had been exceeded three times during 1980 at monitoring station 4-10-W. The following daily average analyses of TSS were recorded:

May 12, 1980 - 29 mg/l.  
June 12, 1980 - 190 mg/l.  
July 12, 1980 - 14 mg/l.

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717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System (cont'd)

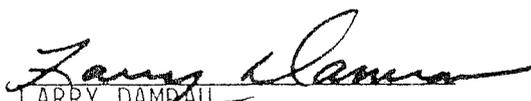
The effluent limitations for TSS prior to July 1, 1980 were 20 mg/l daily average. After July 1, 1980 the limitation was 10 mg/l. The company had failed to take the required reporting actions for such excess parameters as directed under Part A, Management Requirements, Section 2, Non-compliance Notification, on page 6 of 9 of their present NPDES permit. The violation was issued as an administrative record keeping violation rather than an environmental degradation action, since the excess analysis, recorded for the discharges, was similar to the natural stream flow analysis.

The week prior to this inspection included unusually high precipitation events. Several areas at the mine displayed partially blocked culverts, due to sediment and drainage ditches in need of maintenance. At the time of the inspection, maintenance operations were being conducted on the ditches and culverts. No violations were issued because the company was maintaining the structures as required. The erosion belting constructed to control erosion, from one of the culverts draining the access road, should be extended to the bottom of the small canyon into which it discharges.

Small stress/settling cracks were observed in association with the sedimentation pond impoundment structure. Maintenance activities should take place to insure that the cause of the cracking does not jeopardize the impoundment.

717.20 Topsoil Handling and Revegetation

Revegetation operations conducted on the sedimentation pond embankment appeared to be successful. Although immature, the viable plants are evenly distributed throughout the embankment area.

  
LARRY DAMBALL  
RECLAMATION SPECIALIST