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RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company  
Huntington Canyon #4  
ACT/015/004  
Emery County, Utah

On September 16, 1980, a full inspection was made at the above minesite by OSM Inspector Larry Damrau and Division Hydrologist D. Wayne Hedberg. Mr. Dan Guy, chief mining engineer for Soldier Creek Coal Company, accompanied Federal and State representatives during the team inspection of the Huntington Canyon Mine properties. As a result of the intensive precipitation events during the week prior to the inspection, a number of erosional problems had developed on the mine proper. One particular area of concern were the inlet structures to the drainage culverts along the access road to the minesite. Most of the drop structures and the associated trash racks were completely silted in, thereby prohibiting the normal diversion of the surface drainage from the access road. The clearing of the culverts was initiated during the ongoing inspection with the majority being cleared by the time the inspection was complete. There were several instances where inadequate berming was noted and these areas are to be addressed promptly. In addition, there were a few minor problems noted with the belting materials utilized as outlet structures on the culverts draining the access road. These areas will also be addressed immediately and any corrective measures or improvements will be implemented at that time.

Upon inspection of the sediment pond, a number of small settling or tension cracks were noted around the lower edge of the upper sedimentation pond. These cracks were not considered a serious problem at the present, but they may require attention in the future and will be corrected prior to becoming a problem. The vegetation which is presently growing on the sediment pond embankments and out-slopes exhibited very good germination and coverage. No violations were issued in reference to the minesite, in lieu of the fact that most of the areas of concern were being corrected during the ongoing inspection.

Prior to onsite inspection, the appropriate mine plan and corresponding approval letters were examined at the mine office in Price. It was noted upon examination of the effluent data monitored in regards to the NPDES permits, that a number of the TSS (Total Suspended Solids) parameters monitored at the minesite were in excess of those values established in the NPDES permit issued to the Huntington Canyon #4 Mine. As outlined in the NPDES requirements, whenever an effluent analysis exceeds those values stipulated within the permit, the operator is required to notify the EPA and the State Regulatory Authority within five days of notification from the receipt of the laboratory analysis. Beaver Creek Coal Company had no written record of any correspondence which had been submitted to the proper regulatory authorities and, as such, a Notice of Violation was issued to Mr. Dan Guy, by Mr. Damrau for failure to mine in accordance with the approved plan. The provisions of regulations, acts, or permit violated: Public Law 95-87,

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Section 502(a), 30 CFR 211.40(b); the portion of the operation to which the notice applies: noncompliance notification requirements are not being met as required under the NPDES permit #UT-0023132. The abatement action: take the required noncompliance notification action required under #2 of the management requirements, page 6 of 9 of the NPDES #UT-0023132. Abatement time: 8:00 a.m., Thursday, September 18, 1980. No state violations were issued.

D. WAYNE HEDBERG *DWH*  
RECLAMATION HYDROLOGIST

cc: Murray Smith, OSM, Denver

DWH/btm

Statistics:

See Plateau memo dated September 23, 1980.