

February 28, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:RE: Huntington #4 Mine
Beaver Creek Coal Company
ACT/015/004, #7
Emery County, Utah

Sandy Pruitt and Scott Raymond inspected the above mentioned minesite on February 17, 1983. On the ground compliance appeared good with the exception of a snow disposal problem. Snow removed from the portal access road just below the gate had been pushed into Mill Fork Creek. Stream flow in this section of the creek was minimal so the snow did not present an obstruction, yet. Snow and mud removed from the leach field area, which was to be surfaced for parking, had been disposed of in the clearing above the cyclone. The toe of the snow/mud pile closely encroached Mill Fork Creek (which was flowing at this point). Snow melt and mud sloughage off the pile would contribute additional sediment to stream flow. Although a violation was warranted, Beaver Creek Coal Company agreed to address the problem immediately. NAOC #83-2-1-1 was issued concerning the inappropriate snow disposal along the switchback of the portal access road and near the cyclone. Compliance required that the snow be retrieved away from Mill Fork Creek along the switchback in the portal access road. Also snow/mud stored near the cyclone should be retrieved from Mill Fork Creek and adequate sediment control provided. The NAOC also required that sediment control be provided for all snow removed from any disturbed area in the future. The compliance deadline agreed to was 2:00 P.M. February 18, 1983.

The follow up inspection was conducted on February 18, 1983 at 2:00 P.M. At that time all of the snow was retrieved from Mill Fork Creek at the switchback and disposed along the road near the reclaimed Forest Service road. A straw bale was placed in the drainage path to Mill Fork Creek to minimize sediment contributions from snow melt. Snow/mud removed from the area above the cyclone had been placed in the gravel storage area up the road. Drainage from this site is directed along the road toward the sediment pond. Straw bales will be staked down along the edge of the Mill Fork Creek embankment to provide sediment control for snow placed there in the future. As of 2:00 P.M. February 18, 1983 the snow disposal problem was adequately abated so no violation was issued. No other violations were warranted at this time.

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Statistics:

See Genwal memo dated February 25, 1983.