August 23, 1984

TO: Inspection Memo to Coal File

FROM: Barton Kale, Mining Field Specialist BDK

RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company, Huntington #4, ACT/015/004, Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned mine site on July 17, 1984 by Barton Kale of the Division. The inspector was accompanied by Dan Guy of Beaver Creek Coal Company (BCCC).

While in the mine office pond certification was discussed. Mr. Guy said that since he designed and supervised construction of Beaver Creek sediment ponds he personally could certify every pond. It was agreed that he would put it in writing so that the certification would be available in his absence.

At the time of this inspection it was expected that mining would be complete here by August 8, 1984.

The sediment ponds were almost dry during this inspection. This is significantly lower than in the previous month.

Oil barrels were crimped and there was leaking at the storage site, (all of the oil is contained on site) further control measures should be taken. It was agreed that straw would be spread to absorb the oil and any leaking barrels would be attended to.

Upon passing the water truck station on the road to the loadout water was noted running down the roadside ditch toward Millfork Creek. Upon closer inspection it was discovered that the water (loaded with coal and coal fines) was bypassing a blocked culvert to the sediment pond and entering the stream. As a result violation N84-6-8-1 was issued as follows:

Nature of the Violation

Failure to protect hydrologic balance
Failure to pass disturbed area runoff through sediment controls.

Provision of the Regulations Violated

UMC 817.42
UMC 817.45

Portion of the Operation to Which Notice Applies

Disturbed area ditch below truck fill-up culvert leading that diversion to the sediment pond.

Remedial Action Required

1) Clear culvert leading to the sediment pond from watering system.

2) Clear culvert in undisturbed ditch.

3) Remove coal from creek.

Time for Abatement

1) Immediately

2) 48 hours

3) 48 hours

It should be noted that immediately upon discovering the violation the operator was in the creek trying to mitigate the environmental damage caused by the violation and by the time the inspector had left the site the culvert to the sediment pond had been reopened and straw had been spread to filter remaining disturbed runoff that had bypassed the ditch. These actions certainly warrant Good Faith points when the violation is assessed.

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Statistics:
Vehicle: #45429 X 275 miles
Per Diem: 1 person X 1 day 8.5 hours = $49.00
Grant: A&E
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