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TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: Tom Wright, Mining Field Specialist ^{TW}
RE: Beaver Creek Coal Company, Huntington Canyon #4 Mine,
INA 015/004, Folder #7, Emery County, Utah

On June 18, 1985, I conducted a complete inspection of the inactive Huntington Canyon #4 Mine. Dan Guy of Beaver Creek Coal accompanied me on this inspection. The weather was sunny and warm.

This mine has been inactive since last fall when mining was completed, portals sealed and much of the surface equipment removed. During the winter the road into the mine was not plowed and the gate at the turnoff from the main highway was locked under Forest Service direction. This was done to prevent impacts in the canyon and on the Mill Creek drainage.

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining issued final approval of the Mining and Reclamation Plan in April 1985. As mining has been completed, the operator intends to initiate the reclamation phase of the plan this fall. According to Mr. Guy bidding on the work by contractors should be done shortly.

At present activity on the site consists of maintenance of facilities and cleanup of scrap by contractor. Additional removal of scrap and a bathhouse trailer from the loadout pad will be done sometime this summer.

Blading of roads, maintenance of berms and ditches has been done by the operator within the last month. This blading had plugged a culvert which routes disturbed runoff from the west end of the portal pad to the sediment pond. Dirt and scrap from the site effectively sealed the inlet so that no flow could pass. As result of the plugging, Notice of Violation N85-8-9-1 was issued and reads as follows:

Nature of the Violation

Failure to conduct underground coal mining activities to minimize changes to the prevailing hydrologic balance.

Provision of the Regulations, ACT or Permit Violated

UMC 817.41 (a)
UMC 771.19
UMC 817.42 (a)(1)

Portion of the Operation to Which Notice Applies

Culvert at entrance to portal pad area from road.

Remedial Action Required

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Clean blockage from inlet and maintain structure in a functional manner.

Time for Abatement

1 week or no later than June 26, 1985

While on the area Mr. Guy borrowed a shovel and cleaned the blockage from the inlet so that disturbed flow could be routed properly. As the blockage was removed, Notice of Violation, N85-8-9-1 was terminated at the site.

Other culverts appeared open and functional at all other locations. Some build-up of sediment at the mouth of the culvert crossing the access road to the loadout pad just below the water tank area. No blockage had occurred and it appears that flow has been properly routed through the structure. However, cleaning of the sediment would ensure that no blockage would occur.

Diversions for control of undisturbed runoff appeared to be maintained and functional. No evidence of any recent runoff was noted from slopes above the portal pad. However, gravity discharge from an abandoned mine adjacent to the access road was flowing down the road ditch to a culvert where it crossed and passed off the area. This flow appeared to be less than 5 gallons per minute and no erosion or other problems were developing from this discharge. At no point did this flow pass through the disturbed area of the mine workings.

The 2 sediment ponds appeared stable with no signs of erosion or failure. Slopes were well vegetated with grasses. Both units were dry with no signs of recent inflow or discharge. Outlets for the structures appeared maintained. Mr. Guy indicated that cleaning of sediment from these will be done this summer to insure pond capacity.

Portals for the mine were sealed with block walls and plugged with earth last fall. No significant evidence of slumpage was noted and the earth plugs appeared stable.

The frame for the loading chute and the chute itself are the only structures remaining on the portal area. These will be salvaged along with scrap before reclamation begins.

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cc: Donna Griffin, OSM
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Statistics: See Wellington memo dated June 20, 1985

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