

January 30, 1985

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

DATE: January 23, 1985  
TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.,  
 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
WEATHER: Clear, cold with heavy snow cover  
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Dan Guy  
STATE OFFICIALS: Tom Wright  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: None

Compliance With Permanent Performance Standards

UMC 771 et al Permits

1. An interim approval letter dated August 10, 1976 issued by the Division.
2. A U. S. Forest Service Special Use Permit dated November 10, 1981 for the installation of flumes on Upper Mill Fork, Lower Mill Fork and Little Bear Canyon.
3. Certification of the sediment pond on July 17, 1984 by Dan Guy, Registered Professional Engineer.
4. A U. S. Forest Service Road Use Permit #50245 dated March 30, 1982. Attached was a list of conditions for snow removal operations.

UMC 817.11 Signs and Markers

A mine identification sign with the required information was in place on the haulroad.

UMC 817.41 - .52 Hydrologic Balance

Snow cover in excess of two feet covered the site with drifting in some locations. Since removal of equipment and structures from the upper pad, no attempt has been made by Beaver Creek to plow the road into the site.

Access to the loadout pad was possible due to usage of traffic of the road up to the switchback. According to Mr. Guy, some of the traffic may be recreational users.

No traffic had attempted to drive beyond the switchback and because of the snow depth, we were unable to reach the upper pad. According to Mr. Guy, before withdrawal from the area had occurred, sediment structures for the upper pad had been upgraded and cleaned where needed. These will be examined when access to the area is possible.

It appears that no work has been done on the loadout pad since the last inspection. No evidence of entry into the area was seen and the gate across the access was closed.

No runoff on the mine or haulroad was noted during this inspection and it appears that none had occurred recently.

Examination of the two-celled sediment pond revealed frozen surfaces and heavy snow cover. No discharge from the structure was occurring on this date.

UMC 817.52 Surface and Groundwater Monitoring

The NPDES Permit for the Huntington Canyon #4 Mine was issued on December 3, 1982 and is valid to June 30, 1987. This permit allows for discharge from the site, within parameters, into Mill Fork Creek.

Monthly water monitoring reports through the month of November were available at the operator's office for examination. The most recent samples dated December 12 and 14 reported no discharge from the site.

UMC 817.132 Cessation of Operations (Permanent)

According to a November inspection report, all mining had ceased in October of 1984 and work had begun to secure the site. This included sealing all portals, removal of structures on the portal pad and maintenance of sediment controls on the area.

Mr. Guy reported to Specialist Wyatt in December that with the exception of the removal of trailers this had been completed. Examination of this will be done as soon as weather allows.

Beaver Creek is continuing with the permitting process to obtain approval from the appropriate government agencies for final reclamation of the site.

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cc: Dan Guy  
Donna Griffin, OSM  
Mary Boucek  
Joe Helfrich

Statistics:

See Blazon memo dated January 29, 1985

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