



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: X Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 8/17/94 11 to 1 and 4 to 5
Date of Last Inspection: 7/14/94

Mine Name: Huntington #4 County: Emery Permit Number: ACT/015/004
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Mountain Coal Company
Business Address: P.O. Box 591 Somerset, CO 81434 (303)929-5015
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Prep. Plant Other
State Officials(s): Susan White
Company Official(s): Dan Guy
Federal Official(s):

Weather Conditions: Sunny and hot
Existing Acreage: Permitted-1320 Disturbed-25.0 Regraded-12.5 Seeded-25.0 Bonded-25.0
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
Status: Exploration/ Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (X Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)
REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) _____ (date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

The records portion of this inspection was conducted at the office of Blackhawk Engineering.

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

All permits were in order.

Two Forest Service Special Uses permit are still outstanding. The sediment ponds and the stream flow and water quality monitoring network. The cement flume was removed this year and a portable flume will be used when sampling. When Phase II bond release is given the operator will remove the sediment ponds.

The SPCC plan was updated on January 1993. A Storm Water Discharge Plan was also developed for the site.

On December 13, 1993 the Division received a Phase II bond release application. The Division was aware of the application and had taken vegetation data during the summer of 1993. A Phase II bond inspection was conducted on site May 18, 1994. When seeking OSM concurrence to release the bond, OSM issued a TDN relating to Phase I issues, highwall elimination. The Division responded, July 28, to OSM concerning the TDN, stating that the mine was properly reclaimed and to find the response appropriate. OSM has not responded to date to the letter.

The operator recently revised and submitted page 2-3 and 2-4 of the permit with an updated list of officers at Mountain Coal Company.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

Signs and markers were in place.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. Diversions - Diversions appeared functional evidence of runoff was noted from recent storms.

b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments - The quarterly pond inspection was preformed and no problems were noted. The annual pond inspection was completed 11/4/93 and certified by Dan Guy. Sediment level was measured the pond size was determined to meet the permit requirements.

d. Water Monitoring - All water monitoring locations were reported as dry during the second quarter reporting period.

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e. Effluent Limitations - UPDES reports were reviewed. The monitoring points were dry during the second quarter.

10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE

Minor erosion was noted on the lower pad area. Small rills 1 to 2 inches wide and 1 to 2 inches deep were observed on the steep lower slope above the topsoil pile. Other areas on site were observed with depositional type sediment fans with less than an inches of deposition. The erosion was considered minor and required no action on the part of the operator.

13. REVEGETATION

Bindweed was observed on the lower pad area. This is a noxious weed and the county extension agent should be contacted for guidance as to how to best treat for this weed. Several thistles were observed on the upper reclaimed road and should be controlled.

14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL

The annual subsidence report had been submitted to the Division with the annual report. The subsidence survey consisted of a walk over of the mined area. The survey was conducted October 30, 1993. No current evidence of subsidence was reported.

21. BONDING & INSURANCE

Bonding and insurance were in order.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Bernie Freeman (OSM), Kathleen Welt(MCC)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Ausan M. White #35 Date: 8/18/94

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement
TEN-DAY NOTICE

Originating Office:
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING
506 MARQUETTE AVE., N.W.
SUITE 1200 ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.
87102
Telephone Number: **505-766-1486**

Number: X-**94** - **020** - **179** - **003** TV **1**

Ten-Day Notice to the State of **UTAH**

You are notified that, as a result of **FEDERAL INSPECTION 5-18-94** (e.g. a federal inspection, citizen information, etc.) the Secretary has reason to believe that the person described below is in violation of the Act or a permit condition required by the Act. If the State Regulatory Authority fails within ten days after receipt of this notice to take appropriate action to cause the violation(s) described herein to be corrected, or to show cause for such failure and transmit notice of your action to the Secretary through the originating office designated above, then a Federal inspection of the surface coal mining operation at which the alleged violation(s) is occurring will be conducted and appropriate enforcement action as required by Section 521(a)(1) of the Act will be taken.

Permittee: **MOUNTAIN COAL CO.**
(Or Operator if No Permit)

County: **EMERY**

Surface

Mailing Address: **P.O. Box 1378, PRICE, UT 84501**

Underground

Permit Number: **ACT/015/004**

Mine Name: **HUNTINGTON CANYON #4**

Other

NATURE OF VIOLATION AND LOCATION: **FAILED TO ELIMINATE ALL HIGHWALLS AT HUNTINGTON #4 MINE.**

Section of State Law, Regulation or Permit Condition believed to have been violated: **R6 45-301 - 553.120**

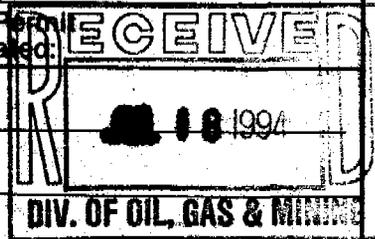
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Remarks or Recommendations:



CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT #P 293 288 858

Date of Notice: **7-14-94**

Signature of Authorized Rep.: **Edzel R. Pugh**

Print Name and ID: **EDZEL R. PUGH, 179**