



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 6/27/96 10 to 2
Date of Last Inspection: 3/12/96

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 Surface Prep. Plant Other

State Officials(s): Susan White, Jess Kelley, Mike Suflita, Bob Davidson, Pam Grubaugh-Littig, Sharon Falvey

Company Official(s): Dan Guy (Blackhawk), Dana Ballard (Blackhawk), Christine Johnston (MCC)

Federal Official(s): Michael Rosenthal (OSM)

Weather Conditions: Fair and cool

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 (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.

	<u>EVALUATED</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>NOV/ENF</u>
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 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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)

This complete inspection was held simultaneously with a Phase III bond release inspection.

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The reclamation permit was issued April 30, 1995 and expires April 30, 2000. No stipulations were attached to the permit.

Two Forest Service Special Uses permits are still outstanding. The sediment ponds and the stream flow and water quality monitoring network. A letter received by the Division September 30, 1995 from the Forest Service states that the area where the flume was removed has been reclaimed to their satisfaction pending seeding. The Division received a copy of a letter sent to the Forest Service, January 18, 1996, from the permittee which requests the cancellation of the 2 remaining Special Use Permits.

On February 20, 1996 the Division received an Application for final (Phase III) bond release from the permittee. This site has met the minimum 10 year period of liability. The Division is currently processing this request. This complete inspection coincided with a Phase III site release bond inspection.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. Diversions - All diversions appeared to be functioning with no evidence of recent flows. The small diversion off the lower pad near the old topsoil pile requires additional work. This work should be coordinated with the assistance of Division Hydrologist, Sharon Falvey. Wire mesh gabions in the upper drainage must also be removed.

d. Water Monitoring - All water monitoring locations were reported as required for the first quarter reporting period. All sites were reported as inaccessible.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

All noncoal waste items had been removed as requested in the last inspection.

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13. REVEGETATION

In general the vegetation appeared in good condition. Cicer milkvetch was the visual⁵ dominant. The reclaimed sediment pond area which was seeded last fall appeared sparsely vegetated. Closer inspection revealed good seedling density. The pond area vegetation should thicken and mature given adequate precipitation this summer. A small area of thistle were noted on the upper road which should be sprayed with a herbicide.

14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL

An annual walk over of the area was conducted August 11, 1995 by three employees from EIS. "No apparent subsidence or evidence of diminished flow to any of the springs" was noted.

21. BONDING & INSURANCE

Liability insurance is held by Indemnity Insurance Company of North America. The amount of \$500,000 is in compliance with the regulations and is effective 1/1/96 to 1/1/99.

The bond is in the amount of \$46,734 and is held by United Pacific Insurance. This bond rider reduction was effective 1/31/96.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: OSM, Paige Beville(MCC), Dan Guy (Black Hawk)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Susan M. White #35 Date: 7/2/96