



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: 3/12/96 8:30 to 3
Date of Last Inspection: 12/20/95

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 Official(s): Susan White
Company Official(s): Dan Guy
Federal Official(s):

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 (X Phase I/___Phase II/___Final Bond Release/___Liability___Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
a. 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.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

Table with 5 columns: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include categories like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

Approximately the first mile of the Forest Service road into the reclaimed site was passable with a vehicle, the remainder of the road was snow covered and accessed by skies. Little snow remained on the upper reclaimed road and lower pad area.

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. Mr. Guy stated during this inspection that he has not received any communication from the Forest Service regarding his request.

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.

UPDES permit UTG040015 effective 8/1/93 thru 4/30/98 authorizes the permittee to discharge into Mill Fork Canyon tributary to Huntington Creek. This permit was discontinued with the removal of the sediment pond approximately August 18, 1995.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

A number of the disturbed area markers on the upper reclaimed road were laying on the ground.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. Diversions - All diversions appeared to be functioning with no evidence of recent flows.

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

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8. NONCOAL WASTE

The suggestion was made to Mr. Guy that the reclaimed area be walked now, prior to vegetative growth, for the removal of noncoal waste item.

9. WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

Heavy elk use of the upper reclaimed road was observed. No recent (past few days) use was observed. Use was probably comparable to the previous years use.

13. REVEGETATION

Very little greening of the grass was observed.

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

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