



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: 2/20/97 3 to 5
Date of Last Inspection: 11/18/96

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 X Surface___ Prep. Plant___ Other___
State Official(s): Susan White
Company Official(s): Dan Guy (Blackhawk)
Federal Official(s):

Weather Conditions: Cold and fair
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: 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS; 3. TOPSOIL; 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; 5. EXPLOSIVES; 6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; 8. NONCOAL WASTE; 9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; 10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; 11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; 12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING; 13. REVEGETATION; 14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; 15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; 16. ROADS; 17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; 18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; 19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) (date); 20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT; 21. BONDING & INSURANCE.

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

A site inspection was conducted March 11, 1997. The Forest Service road to the mine had approximately half foot of snow at the beginning of the road and 2 to 3 feet of snow in the shadder portions of the canyon. The lower and upper disturbed areas had snow. The reclaimed road had a few old tracks and droppings from elk.

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.

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 has returned a deficiency document to the operator.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permit sign needs to be rehung on the lower site when the operator can access the site.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

D. Water Monitoring - All water monitoring locations were reported as required for the fourth quarter reporting period. Most site were monitored quarterly last year although the permit only requires biannual monitoring.

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.

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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: 3/19/97