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October 20, 1980

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Soldier Creek Coal Company
Hidden Valley Mine
ACT/015/022
Emery County, Utah

On September 15, 1980 a full inspection was made at the above mine site by Division Hydrologist, D. Wayne Hedberg and Office of Surface Mining inspector, Eileen Doherty. Mr. Tom Paluso, Hidden Valley Mine Engineer, accompanied federal and State representatives during the inspection.

No construction activities had been initiated since July, 1980 at the mine site. A number of areas were noted on the mine site where erosional problems are of concern. In particular, additional sediment contributions to Ivy Creek. These areas were discussed with Mr. Paluso and are to be addressed through proper berming and lining of diversion channels.

The following violations were issued:

Federal Notice of Violation # 80-5-7-21

1. Section 30 CFR 717.17(a), P.L. 95-87 Sec. 516(b) - Failure to pass surface drainage from the disturbed area through a sedimentation pond or a series of sedimentation ponds prior to leaving the permit area.
2. Section 30 CFR 717.17(c), P.L. 95-87 Sec. 516(b) - Failure to utilize channel lining to minimize disturbance to overland flows..

Portion of the Operation to Which the Notice Applies:

1. South side of disturbed areas, in particular, those areas (ie., benches) along and adjacent to the Ivy Creek stream channel.
2. South end of disturbed area below sediment pond site where diversion has been bladed to channel the runoff from undisturbed acreage to Ivy Creek.

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Abatement Action:

1. Berm the south side disturbed areas to retain surface runoff on the permit area to prevent additional sediment contributions to receiving waters.
2. Line the diversion structure appropriately to minimize disturbance and erosion of the channel slopes.

Abatement Time:

1. October 15, 1980
2. October 31, 1980

No State violations were issued.

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cc: Murray Smith, O.S.M.

Note: For statistics see Plateau memo dated 9/23/80.