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December 15, 1982

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Soldier Creek Coal Company
Hidden Valley Mine
INA/015/007
Emery County, Utah

On December 6, 1982, John Whitehead accompanied by Scott Nordness performed a partial inspection of the Hidden Valley Mine site. This inspector accompanied Mr. Nordness to the minesite to identify the problem areas that were noted in my letter of November 9, 1982.

One of the two portals at the north end of the minesite was open and accessible. Additionally, one of the two entries on the eastern side of the minesite was now open. Apparently, someone had cut down a chain link fence which had blocked access to the portal since the September 13, 1982 inspection. Mr. Nordness indicated that a chain link fence would be reestablished on the portals on the eastern end of the minesite and that a fence would be placed over the open portal on the northern side of the minesite. Lastly, signs will be posted on the three of four portals which had no warning signs present to bring the mine entries which were abandoned into compliance with UMC 817.14.

While on-site, Mr. Nordness hand-spread and raked seed into the topsoil pile which was experiencing some rilling and erosion. Additionally, Mr. Nordness indicated that if this did not work, future actions might include reshaping of the pile to provide for a lesser slope on the side slopes and, therefore, promote establishment of vegetation.



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cc: Tom Emmett, OSM
Scott Nordness, Soldier Creek Coal Company
Joe Helfrich, Field Supervisor

JJW/btb

Statistics:

See Soldier Canyon Mine memo dated December 10, 1982
Grant: A & E