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October 10, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement

FROM: Sandy Pruitt, Mining Field Specialist *SP*

RE: California Portland Cement Company(?), Hidden Valley Mine, INA/015/007, Folder #7, Emery County, Utah

DATE: September 5 and 6, 1985

TIME: 5:00-8:30 p.m.
8:00-10:00 a.m.

WEATHER: Fair, warm

COMPANY OFFICIALS: Dave Spillman (September 6, 1985)

STATE OFFICIALS: Sandy Pruitt, Holland Shepherd

ENFORCEMENT ACTION: None

Compliance With Permanent Performance Standards

UMC 771 et al Permits

No new permits have been obtained for the Hidden Valley Mine. As of 11:30 Wednesday, September 4, 1985, Sunedco took over Soldier Creek Coal Company and the Soldier Canyon Mine. Dave Spillman said that Soldier Creek Coal Company considers that they are no longer responsible for the Hidden Valley Mine. He mentioned that Don Ross, President, was working out a response to a DOGM letter dated May 24, 1985, wherein Soldier Creek Coal Company was asked to commit to reclamation of the Hidden Valley Mine or permit the mine under the permanent program requirements, with Ron Evans, General Manager and Vice President of California Portland Cement. Dave Spillman was not aware that anything had been concluded at that date.

UMC 817.11 Signs and Markers

All required signs and markers were posted, namely a topsoil marker, portal caution notices, and the mine identification sign.

UMC 817.21-.24 Topsoil

Revegetation of the topsoil stockpile is poor. The alfalfa which germinated in spring of this year has dried up. The hydromulch sprayed on the stockpile this year remains intact. Inspectors could not detect any additional ungerminated seeds in the mulch, but revegetation success should be evaluated next spring because the stockpile was hydromulched at a poor time of year in June 1985.

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UMC 817.41-.57 Hydrologic Balance

The outlet end of the bypass culvert under the west portal pad needs to be cleared. A large boulder has fallen near the outlet opening, obstructing a clear flow path at the discharge end. Dave Spillman was notified of this problem; and once a decision is made on responsibilities at the Hidden Valley Mine, an attempt will be made to clear the obstruction.

Diversion ditch maintenance is also necessary at the Hidden Valley Mine. All ditches have filled in with sediments over the inactive period.

UMC 817.111-.117 Revegetation

An old reclaimed area alongside the mine access road, immediately before the cut and fill section of the road, was seeded in late 1980. Revegetation success of this area is poor. The site should be reseeded this spring.

UMC 817.150-.156 Roads

Maintenance of the surface of the access road is necessary on a continual basis to minimize erosion. Revegetation of the road outslopes, particularly the steep section at the entrance to the mine yard, should be attempted next spring.

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cc: Donna Griffin, OSM
Joe Helfrich, DOGM
Dave Lof, DOGM
Dave Spillman, Soldier Creek Coal

Statistics: Per Diem: 1 person x 1 day, 5 hours = \$50.07
Grant: A & E

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