

File

April 22, 1985

TO: Coal File. Inspection and Enforcement Folder
 FROM: Sandy Pruitt, Mining Field Specialist 
 RE: Hidden Valley Mine, Soldier Creek Coal Company, INA/015/007,
Folder #7, Emery County, Utah

A partial inspection of the above mentioned inactive mine site was conducted by Sandy Pruitt on April 18, 1985. Rain showers were occurring at that time. Since the last inspection, Soldier Creek Coal Company (SC³) had placed warning signs at the portals which read "Danger unsupported roof."

In partial abatement to NOV #1 of 2, N85-2-4-2, the berm around the west end of the stockpile was repaired and reconstructed with strawbales to provide adequate containment. The spring rain showers which are occurring at this time necessitate immediate action for seeding the stockpile during favorable conditions. Dave Spillman discussed acceptable seed mixes with Lynn Kunzler on April 22, 1985 and agreed to the following mix with warm season grasses which should be suitable at the Hidden Valley site.

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>#PLS/ACRE</u>
Yellow sweetclover (Meliltous officinalis)	3
Alfalfa (Medicago sativa)	.5-1
Any three of the following grasses:	
Alkali sacaton (Sporobolus airoides)	.5
Blue Grama (Bouteloua gracilis)	1
Galleta (Oryzopsis hymenoides)	3

200 lbs/acre mulch is also required. Soldier Creek Coal Company will hydromulch to provide the surface stabilization required by NOV #1 of 2.

The abatement deadline for NOV #1 of 2 is April 25, 1985. Because the rainy season is occurring, additional time extensions are not

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warranted. It was agreed that SC³ would submit a letter committing to the above seed mix and application as soon as possible for the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) review and approval. SC³ intends to meet the April 25, 1985 deadline by seeding on or before that date.

Soldier Creek Coal Company will have a cat onsite and intends to construct a berm around the gravel stockpile cited in NOV #2 of 2, N85-2-4-2. This is an acceptable sediment control measure and will suffice for interim abatement of the NOV. A small area exemption is still required to complete abatement of the violation. Once the interim measures are completed, a time extension for DOGM review and approval of a request for a small area exemption, under UMC 817.42(a)(3), will be warranted.

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cc: Donna Griffin, OSM
Dave Spillman, Soldier Creek Coal Company
Joe Helfrich, DOGM
Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Statistics:

Vehicle: EX49611, 523 miles
Per Diem: 1 person X 47 hours = \$112.00
Grant: A&E

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