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January 19, 1990



State of Utah
Natural Resources
Oil, Gas and Mining
355 W. North Temple
3 Triad Center, Suite 350
Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

OIL, GAS & MINING

Attn: Mr. Lowell P. Braxton

Dear Lowell:

Enclosed is the 1989 Annual Report for our Hidden Valley property.

Yours truly,

John W. Rains
Chief Mining Engineer

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Enclosure

**COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS FOR 1989
(Authority UMC 784)**

(Must be submitted to the Division by March 31, 1990)

**State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Operator: CALIFORNIA PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY
A DIVISION OF CALMAT

Mine Name: HIDDEN VALLEY

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 947, COLTON, CA 92324-0514
695 S. RANCHO AVE., COLTON, CA 92324

Company Representative: JOHN W. RAINS

Permit Number: INA/015/007

Date of Most Recent Permanent Program Permit: 12/11/86 - RECLAMATION

Quantity of Coal Mined (tonnage) 1989: NONE

Attach Updated Mine Sequence Map.

All monitoring activities during the report period must be submitted with this report (including, but not limited to):

- A. Summarized Water Monitoring Data**
- B. Precipitation or Other Climatological Data**
- C. Subsidence Monitoring Report**
- D. Vegetation Data (test plots) or Revegetation Success Monitoring (includes interim and final)**
- E. Permit Stipulation Status**

HIDDEN VALLEY COAL PROPERTY
1989 ANNUAL REPORT
January 19, 1990

- A. See attached.
- B. The closest official weather station is located at Emery, Utah, about eight miles north northwest of the mine site.

Average annual precipitation is 7.55 inches. Prevailing strong winds are from the south. Daily winds shift from southeast in the a.m. to northwest in the p.m.

- C. None.
- D. An intense thunderstorm hit the Hidden Valley property in August 1989 and produced a major runoff event. Repairs were made in early November 1989.

Repairs included:

1. Clean (remove) sediment from water bars.
2. Repair outfalls.
3. Construct two additional water bars.
4. Cover any exposed coal.
5. "A" Seam
 - a. Construct drainage channel on top bench and across road. Redirect water toward main channel.
 - b. Dress fill slope.
 - c. Revegetate slope and install erosion control matting.
 - d. Repair riprap at channel outfall to Ivie Creek below the old sediment pond fence.
6. "B" Seam
 - a. Dress slope.
 - b. Construct retention berms.
 - c. Repair main channel
 - d. Revegetate fill slope and flat slopes on either side of main channel.
7. Replace silt fences.
8. Replace drift fences on Ivie Creek.

Monitoring of the reclamation site will continue for a period of time as required. Site is usually monitored monthly (April - September). The third growing season was 1989. Lack of any consistent rainfall during the spring through fall season hampered most revegetation efforts. With proper rainfall in 1990 and the repairs that were completed in November 1989, revegetation of the site should occur in 1990.

- E. Active reclamation permit. Monitoring for the third year (10 year schedule) is complete.

California Portland Cement
695 Rancho Ave.
Colton, CA 92324

Mine: Hidden Valley

Inspection Type: Random Sample Complete

Date: December 14, 1990

Participants: Susan White, DOGM; Karla Knoop, JRB Consultants; Jeff Zingo, OSM-Albuquerque No.246.

General Comments

The Mine Site Evaluation Inspection Report does not reflect the issuance of a Ten-Day Notice or Ten-Day Letter. However, discussions are ongoing with DOGM to determine if 3 variances to the Mining and Reclamation were made in accordance with the State program. Further discussion of the variances follows.

Field Inspection

The weather was clear and cold. The soil was dry with no evidence of recent precipitation even though surrounding areas were getting significant snowfall. Ms. Knoop reported that the mine site gets significantly less rainfall than most of the other mines in the area.

Reclamation at the Hidden Valley Mine was completed in December 1986. DOGM released 60% of the bond in June 1988.

We entered the reclaimed area by walking in on the reclaimed access road. The road has been ripped, seeded, and mulched, but has not been backfilled. The permittee has received a variance from AOC on the access road. Ms. Knoop reported that the access road remains in order to preserve access for future mining of the coal seams that were uncovered during operation of the Hidden Valley Mine. The road cut varies from 0'-30' in height. The fill slope is the angle of repose in some places.

The face-up above seam "A" remains. The face-up is 20'-30' high for approximately 200'. Ms. White reported that the cut may have been left to facilitate a terrace that prevents undisturbed surface drainage from eroding the reclaimed area.

The sediment pond at the mine has been removed and Alternative Sediment Control Practices (ASCP) such as silt fencing is being used. I could not locate a demonstration by the permittee that the effluent limits of R614-301-751 would be met using the ASCP's. The ungraded access road, the remaining face-up, and the ASCP's appear to be permit defects that are not in compliance with the State program; however, review of the permit documents and discussions with DOGM may reveal that the practices (variances) are allowed by the Utah regulations.

The permittee has done a good job of reworking the graded face-ups to

eliminate erosion, replant, mulch, and replace fabric netting after high winds and heavy rainfall in recent years.

OSM/DOGM discussions of the possible permit defects came to a halt on 12/21/90 due to the end-of-year Holidays and will continue in early January 1991.

**OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT
RANDOM SAMPLE MEIR SUPPLEMENT**

1. Permittee California Portland
 2. Permit Number 015/007
 3. Joint Inspection Y | Y/N 4. Date 12-14-90

5. Days since Last State Complete Inspection (LSCI) 30
 6. Block 25 Categories in NON-COMPLIANCE this RSI 0
 7. Total Violations this RSI 0 as of 12/20/90

8. List (only once) all violations:
 1) where State enforcement was required and taken during the LSCI;
 2) recorded in the LSCI report but the State failed to take enforcement;
 3) observed during this RSI which clearly existed during the LSCI but the State failed to take enforcement; and;
 4) existing during this RSI which are not already listed under one of the categories above.

| LAW | A SPECIFIC STATE REGULATION VIOLATED | B BLOCK 25 CATEGORY | C ABATED (y/n) | D STATE ACTION | E REASON IF UNCITED | F CAUSE | G SERIOUSNESS PEO | H IMPACT | I OSMRE ACTION | J OPTIONAL | K |
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- STATE ACTION**
- 1) Existed on LSCI, cited
 - 2) Existed on LSCI, not cited
 - 3) Cited Prior to LSCI, Abatement Pending
 - 4) Occurred since LSCI

- STATE'S REASON FOR NOT CITING VIOLATION (AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE STATE)**
- 1) Not a Violation
 - 2) Precluded by State Policy
 - 3) Not included under State Program
 - 4) Warning given in lieu of a Citation
 - 5) Violation not recognized (assessed)
 - 6) Practice allowed under approved Permit
 - 7) Too minor to cite
 - 8) Working with Operator to Correct
 - 9) Other:

- CAUSES**
- 1) Permit Defect
 - 2) Unusual Weather Conditions
 - 3) Unofficial Worker
 - 4) Operator Negligence
 - 5) Other:

- PROBABILITY OF EVENT OCCURRENCE**
- 1) None or Unlikely
 - 2) Likely
 - 3) Occurred

- IMPACT**
- Damage Remains Within the Permit Area
 - 1) None or Minor
 - 2) Moderate
 - 3) Considerable
 - Damage Extends Beyond the Permit Area
 - 4) None or Minor
 - 5) Moderate
 - 6) Considerable
 - Obstruction to Enforcement
 - 7) None or Minor
 - 8) Moderate
 - 9) Considerable

- OSMRE ACTION**
- 1) Referred to State Action
 - 2) TBM issued
 - 3) IM-CO issued
 - 4) Properly Cited, Abatement Pending
 - 5) Abated during or before OSMRE Inspection