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inspection report

Permit No. Act/015/007
Inspection Date July 17, 1992

Permittee/Operator Name Hidden Valley Coal Co.
Business Address 1801 University Drive
City Phoenix State Arizona Zip 85034
Mine Hidden Valley ☐ Surface ☒ Underground ☐ Other
County Emery State Ut
Company Official(s) None
State Official(s) Bill Malencik & Steve Demczak
Time of inspection 9:00 ☒ a.m. ☐ p.m. to 3:00 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m. ☒ Partial ☐ Complete
Date of last inspection 6/24/92 Weather conditions Pt Cloudy
Acreage 950 ☐ Permitted 7 ☐ Disturbed 7 ☐ Regraded 7 ☐ Seeded 7 ☐ Bonded
Enforcement Action None
3/ Concern about poisonous plants & scarcity of seeded species

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

		YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. Permits		☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Signs and markers	1/	☒	☒	☐	☒
3. Topsoil		☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Hydrologic balance					
— Stream channel diversions		☒	☐	☐	☒
— Diversions	2/	☒	☒	☐	☐
— Sediment ponds and impoundments		☐	☐	☐	☐
— Other sediment control measures	2/	☒	☒	☐	☒
— Surface and groundwater monitoring		☐	☐	☐	☐
— Effluent limitations		☐	☐	☒	☐
5. Explosives		☐	☐	☒	☐
6. Development waste and spoil disposal		☐	☐	☒	☐
7. Coal processing waste		☐	☐	☒	☐
8. Noncoal waste		☐	☐	☐	☐
9. Protection of fish, wildlife, and related environmental values		☐	☐	☐	☐
10. Slides and other damage		☒	☐	☐	☐
11. Contemporaneous reclamation		☐	☐	☐	☐
12. Backfilling and grading		☐	☐	☐	☐
13. Revegetation	3/	☐	☐	☐	☐
14. Subsidence control		☐	☐	☒	☐
15. Cessation of operations		☐	☐	☐	☐
16. Roads					
— Construction		☐	☐	☐	☐
— Drainage controls		☐	☐	☐	☐
— Surfacing		☐	☐	☐	☐
— Maintenance		☐	☐	☐	☐
17. Other transportation facilities		☐	☐	☐	☐
18. Support facilities and utility installations		☐	☐	☐	☐

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1/ some disturbed areas are not properly marked per NOV 91-26-8-2; also stream buffer zone per division order
2/ road outslope runoff conveyance & erosion are out of compliance per NOV 91-26-8-2.

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General Comments. Situation and/or on mine site conditions relative to signs and markers, stream channel diversion, diversions, and other sediment control measures are as reported on the inspection conducted June 24, 1992.

The thunder storms that hit Carbon and Emery counties did not appear to hit the Hidden Valley mine site.

Revegetation. To supplement funding concerns and remarks made on the June 24, 1992 inspection, additional observations were made on the instant inspection.

A basal area transect was performed by the undersigned. The purpose of the transect was to document the density of halogeton and other vegetation on the mine access road. The road in question is from the blacktop county road to the mine gate.

Equipment used in the survey included a 100 foot steel measuring tape, notebook and camera.

Readings were taken every five feet. The tape was stretched and the readings taken are as follows:

Bare Ground:	9 hits	∴ Expressed as a % of Σ Bare Ground	45%
Halogeton:	8 hits	Halogeton	40%
Rocks:	3 hits	Rocks	15%
Seeded Species	0 hits	Seeded Species	0%
Total Hits	20		100%

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The transect was selected randomly. Looking down road the transect was started on the right shoulder of the mine access road, then 100 feet to the left shoulder of the road.

A pace transect was performed on the east side of the road adjacent to the steel tape transect. The purpose of the transect was to document halogeton density on the undisturbed contiguous area. The survey results: no hits on halogeton. The halogeton has not invaded the undisturbed areas discussed above.

Halogeton a poisonous plant is known as a producer of a prolific seed crop and an invader. It would appear that the current problem now limited to the mine access road would be compounded should seeds from the road become established on the contiguous undisturbed areas.

For reasons cited herein and in the 6/24/92 inspection report, suggest the permittee consider some corrective action to control Halogeton and establish a proper vegetal cover on the mine site.

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