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## INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: 11:00 to 13:15, 6 May 1992

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Cal Mat Company  
Business Address: 1801 University Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85034  
Mine Name: Hidden Valley Permit Number: ACT/015/007  
Type of Mining Activity: Underground: X Surface:     Other:      
County: Emery State: Utah  
Company Official(s): Karla Knoop (JBR)  
State Officials(s): Hugh Klein and Henry Sauer (DOGM)  
Federal Official(s): NA  
Partial:     Complete: X Date of last Inspection: 21 April 1992  
Weather Conditions: Partly cloudy and warm, @18°C

Acreage:  
Permitted: 950 Disturbed: 7 Regraded: 7 Seeded: 7 Bonded: 7  
Enforcement Action: None

### COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. PERMITS	(X)	( )	( )	(X)
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	(X)	( )	( )	(X)
3. TOPSOIL	( )	( )	(X)	( )
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	( )	( )	(X)	( )
b. DIVERSIONS	(X)	( )	( )	( )
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	( )	( )	(X)	( )
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	(X)	( )	( )	(X)
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	(X)	( )	( )	( )
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	( )	(X)	( )	(X)
5. EXPLOSIVES	( )	( )	(X)	( )
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE & SPOIL	( )	( )	(X)	( )
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	( )	( )	(X)	( )
8. NONCOAL WASTE	( )	( )	(X)	( )
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	(X)	( )	( )	(X)
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	(X)	( )	( )	( )
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	( )	( )	(X)	( )
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	( )	( )	(X)	(X)
13. REVEGETATION	(X)	( )	( )	(X)
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	( )	( )	(X)	(X)
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	( )	( )	(X)	( )
16. ROADS				
a. CONSTRUCTION	( )	( )	(X)	( )
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	(X)	( )	( )	( )
c. SURFACING	( )	( )	(X)	( )
d. MAINTENANCE	( )	( )	(X)	( )
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	( )	( )	(X)	( )
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES				
UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	( )	( )	(X)	( )

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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

General Comments

There are a number of issues at Hidden Valley still pending. As the issues are being handled by other staff members and because the undersigned is not the lead inspector at this mine, there will be no in depth discussion of these matters below.

The annual report was received by the Division on 31 March 1992.

At the outset of the inspection, Karla Knoop was given the opportunity to view the undersigned's credentials, but declined.

1)

A new permit was issued to Cal Mat for the Hidden Valley Mine on 30 January 1992. Other permits, insurances and bonds have been reviewed previously and were found to be satisfactory.

2)

The sign at the mine entrance was clearly visible and showed the following information:  
Hidden Valley Coal Company  
Hidden Valley Mine  
1801 University Avenue  
Phoenix Arizona 85034  
602-254-8465

4d)

Silt fences on-site were in good order and do not require any maintenance at this time.

The erosion control matting on the out slopes below the A and B seams did not show signs of serious weathering. Neither slope exhibited significant evidence of erosion.

Drainage off the road leading down to the A and B seam portal areas was observed as well as the erosion on the out slopes. Presently, this issue is the subject of pending enforcement, so no further comments will be presented at this time.

4f)

The Hidden Valley Mine has no sediment ponds and is not required to have a UPDES permit. Consequently, there are no discharge reports.

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9)

Stream buffer zone signs were observed. Presently, the signs are subject of pending enforcement, so no further comments will be presented at this time.

12)

No additional backfilling and grading has been done since the last phase of reclamation. The highwall issue has been resolved, so no backfilling and grading is planned in regard to this issue.

13)

In general, the site was greener with vegetation than had ever been observed by the undersigned. The following are some of the species noted during the inspection (identification was the result of Henry Sauer's efforts and the scientific names were provided by B Team Biologist Paul Baker):

Halogeton glomeratus  
Kochia scoparia  
Elymus spp.  
Artemisia frigida  
Atriplex cuneata  
Lappula redowski  
Capsella bursa-pastoris

14)

Subsidence monitoring is not required at this mine. This is due to the fact mining never progressed past the early development stages.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Lee Edmonson (Cal Mat)

Brian Smith (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich and Tom Munson (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature & Number: [Signature] #40

Date: 15 May 1992