



**State of Utah**  
 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
 DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

**INSPECTION REPORT**

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Partial:\_\_\_ Complete: XXX Exploration:\_\_\_  
 Inspection Date & Time: 3/10/99 / 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m.  
 Date of Last Inspection: 2/23/99

Mine Name: Hidden Valley Mine County: Emery Permit Number: ACT/015/007  
 Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Consolidation Coal Company  
 Business Address: P.O. Box 566, Sesser, Illinois 62884  
 Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface\_\_\_ Prep. Plant\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_  
 Company Official(s): Steve Behling  
 State Officials(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): Henry Austin, OSM  
 Weather Conditions: Clear, Dry mine Site, No snow on the ground, 50's  
 Existing Acreage: Permitted- 950 Disturbed- 7 Regraded-\_\_\_ Seeded-\_\_\_ Bonded- 7  
 Increased/Decreased: Permitted-\_\_\_ Disturbed-\_\_\_ Regraded-\_\_\_ Seeded-\_\_\_ Bonded-\_\_\_  
 Status: Exploration/ XXX Active/\_\_\_ Inactive/\_\_\_ Temporary Cessation/\_\_\_ Bond Forfeiture  
 Reclamation (Phase I/\_\_\_ Phase II/\_\_\_ Final Bond Release/\_\_\_ Liability 1986 Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
  - b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	<u>EVALUATED</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>NOV/ENF</u>
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____ (date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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GENERAL COMMENTS

A complete inspection of the Hidden Valley reclaimed mine site was conducted by the undersigned. The permittee was represented by Steve Behling. Henry Austin, OSM, conducted an oversight inspection.

SUMMARY

-No violations were issued. The environmental control measures appear to meet the coal rule performance standards.

-The only item worth follow-up discussion concerned the current permit. The permittee did not have a copy of the current permit. However, the mine file did contain the permit renewal public notice. An executed copy of the permit is enclosed with the permittee's copy of the inspection report.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

The diversions were stable and showed no evidence of recent runoff. The diversion above the "A" seam maintained this past summer, meets performance standards. Some fine material from the escarpment is being deposited in the diversion, but doesn't constitute a concern at this point in time.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The MRP requires water monitoring at high and low flow. The sampling on Ivie Creek above and below the mine are to be taken in May and September. The last sampling was taken September 21, 1998.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

The noncoal waste on the surface is not a problem. The exception is at the end of the county road. However, no noncoal waste, pop cans, etc. were observed.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

A dead cow elk was observed on the mine site between the "A" and "B" seam. Mr. Behling reported seeing the cow elk on his last inspection. He stated she was in poor condition and extremely weak.

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12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

As previously documented in prior inspection reports, the "B" seam was regraded in 1997.

13. REVEGETATION

Vegetative trend study was completed in 1995. The "A" seam was seeded again in 1997.

16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

The former 45-50 foot road was reclaimed in 1986. The road was ripped, water bars were constructed, the area was seeded, and the width of the road bed remained as initially constructed.

The permittee stated they would reduce the road when follow-up work is undertaken.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

Insurance expires 11/5/99. The surety bond is on records for \$90,758.00 and no bond release has been approved by the Division.

OTHER

Annual report for 1997 was submitted to the Division on 3/26/98.

**Note:** This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Steve Behling/Tim Kirschbaum (Consol)      Henry Austin (OSM)  
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)      Filed to: Price Field Office  
Date: March 17, 1999

Inspector's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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Wm. J. Malencik