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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: XXX Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 01/17/01 11:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 12/6/2000

Mine Name: Hidden Valley Mine County: Emery Permit Number: C-11117
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 Official(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Cloudy, Dry Mine Site
Existing Acreage: Permitted 950 Disturbed 7 Regraded Seeded
Status: Active XXX

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 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.

Table with 4 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include categories like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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DATE OF INSPECTION: 01/09/2001

(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

As reported in the November 2, 2000 inspection, the mine was very muddy. Since that date the mine has not received any measurable precipitation. Mr. Behling stated that one of his goals for the coming year is the successful reclamation of the Hidden Valley mine.

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

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The DOGM permit expires January 20, 2002.

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. A small amount of fine material from the escarpment is being deposited in the diversion, but doesn't constitute a concern at this point in time.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

As reported in the last inspection, Mr. Behling replaced a portion of the silt fence. This is the silt fence adjacent to the undisturbed ditch. The remaining silt fences were all in operable condition.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

Reviewed the water monitoring records. The DOGM permit calls for the mine to measure high and low water above and below the mine. The last sample was taken in September 2000. The samples were sent to the laboratory. No problems noted.

On January 12, 2001, Tim Kirschbaum submitted two water monitoring reports on Hidden Valley Mine. Report #1 was for the station above the mine site. Report #2 was for the station below the mine site. These were not included in the database. Hidden Valley will start the automated data input starting the second quarter 2001.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

The noncoal waste on the surface is not a problem. The area at the end of the county road was clean of noncoal waste.

13. REVEGETATION

The perennial grass plants are dormant. All the annuals have outlived their life cycle. The browse plants are doing the best, in spite of the dry conditions.

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16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

Emery County continues to repair the county road into and out of the permitted area. The work consisted of regrading and placing gravel on the reported bumps.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The water gap was observed and it has been reported.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

Insurance expires November 1, 2001. The surety bond is on record for \$90,758 and Phase I bond release was approved by the Division on 7/17/1988. The reclamation plan is on file and was reviewed.

Inspector's Signature: _____


Wm. J. Malencik #26

Date: January 16, 2001

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

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