



**U. S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR**  
**OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING**  
**JAN 11 2007 Mine Site Evaluation**  
**State Program**



DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

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1. Permittee/Person <b>CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY</b>		9. Permit Number <b>UT-015-007</b>	10. Permit Type <b>PP</b>
2. Address <b>P. O. BOX 566</b>		11. Field Visit Date <b>12/05/2006</b> mm - dd - yyyy	12. Purpose <b>O</b>
3. City <b>Sesser</b>	4. State <b>IL</b>	13. SRA Present <b>Y</b>	14. Permit Status <b>IN</b>
5. Zip Code <b>62884</b>	6. Phone Number <b>(618) 625-2041</b>	15. Site Status <b>P1</b>	16. Facility Type <b>BH</b>
7. Operator Name, if Different than Permittee		17. OSM Office # <b>140</b>	18. CCID #
8. Mine Name <b>HIDDEN VALLEY</b>		19. Land Code <b>SF</b>	20. M.S.H.A ID # <b>42-01407</b>
		21. State Abrev. <b>UT</b>	22. County Name <b>EMERY</b>
		23. AVS Permittee Entity ID Number <b>124528</b>	24. State Office
25. Hours		26. Signature Block	
<b>2.0</b> a. Permit Review	Signature: <i>Henry Austin</i> <b>HENRY AUSTIN ID # 116</b> Printed Name: Date: <b>12/19/2006</b>	27. Reviewing Official: <i>(Acting) Howard E. Strand</i>	
<b>3.0</b> b. Site Visit Time		Signature:	
<b>8.0</b> c. Travel Time		Review Date: <b>12/20/2006</b> mm - dd - yyyy	
<b>2.0</b> d. Report Writing		Is Supplemental MSE Page Used Y/N <b>Y</b>	

Permit Type — Item 10 IP = Interim Program, PP = Permanent Program, NP = No Permit

Purpose Type Codes Item 12

Oxx... Oversight  
 Axx... Assistance

RFx... Reclamation Fees  
 Fxx... Federal Actions

CCR... Citizen Complaint Referral (non site visit)  
 CC... Citizen Complaint (initial site visit)  
 CCF... Citizen Complaint Follow-up

Joint Inspection — Item 13 A joint inspection is when a state inspector accompanies an OSM inspector any time during the review of the mine site.

Permit Status — Item 14

A... Active: Coal mining and reclamation activities occurring or permitted but not yet disturbed.  
 IN... Inactive (Permanent Program Permit): Phase II completed or Temporary Cessation of Operations. (Interim Program Permit) Coal mining completed and reclamation activities initiated.  
 BR... Bond Release: Reclamation completed and State Regulatory Authority (RA) has released all of the bond (Phase III Release.)

AB... Abandoned: All surface and underground coal mining activities have ceased and operator has left the site without completing reclamation as defined in 30 CFR 840.11(g)  
 AB1.. Bond Forfeiture: Bond forfeiture officially in process or completed, and reclamation in progress or not yet commenced.  
 AB2.. Partially Reclaimed Forfeiture: Forfeited site where all bonds have been used to reclaim site, but site not reclaimed to Program standards.  
 AB3.. Reclaimed Forfeiture: Forfeited site that has been reclaimed to Program standards.  
 NA... Not Applicable: When site is unpermitted.

Site Status Codes — Item 15

ND... No Disturbance: No coal mining and reclamation operations have been started.  
 EX... Coal Exploration: Coal exploration operations have started and where coal mining operations have not begun.  
 AP... Active Coal Producing: Coal surface mining activities are occurring.  
 AN... Active Non-Producing: Active non-producing facility such as tippie or preparation plant.  
 NM... No Mining: The Permit Status is active, site is not in Temporary Cessation, no surface coal mining activity, and site not regraded.

MC... Mining Complete: No mining activity on site, site regraded and awaiting phase bond release.  
 TC... Temporary Cessation: The RA has granted cessation of mining pursuant to 30 CFR 816/817.131(b).  
 P1... Phase I Release: At least Phase I bond release granted for entire permitted area. For interim permits, partial bond release.  
 P2.. Phase II Release: At least Phase II bond release for the entire permitted area.  
 P3.. Phase III Release: Reclamation completed and the RA has released all bond.

NS.. Non-Site Visit: Status of site not determined.  
 FP.. Forfeiture Pending: The RA is pursuing actions to revoke the permit, collect the performance bond(s), and/or reclamation of forfeited site is in progress.  
 FR.. Forfeited and Reclaimed: Forfeiture reclamation completed.  
 FO.. Abandoned Site: Abandoned site that is permitted but there is no bond.  
 WC.. Wildcat: Coal mining and reclamation operations have or are taking place and the activity is not covered by the required permits from the RA.

Facility Type Codes — Item 16

A... Surface  
 B... Underground  
 C... Preparation Plant

D... Ancillary (Haulroad, Conveyor, and/or Rails)  
 E... Refuse and/or Impoundment  
 F... Loading Facility and/or Tipple  
 G... Stockpiles

H... Exploration Permits  
 I... Notice of Intent to Explore  
 J... Exempt 16 and 2/3  
 K... Government Financed Construction Exemption

L... Remaining site permitted under 30 CFR 785.25

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December 18, 2006

Consolidation Coal Company (CCC)  
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Hidden Valley Mine, C/015/007  
Complete, oversight inspection  
December 5, 2006

Participants:

John Gefferth and Russ Hardy, CCC  
Steve Demczak, Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (OGM)  
Karl Housekeeper, OGM  
Henry Austin, Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

I participated in a complete, oversight inspection of the Hidden Valley Mine on December 5, 2006, as indicated above. This site was selected for inspection by the joint OGM / OSM Evaluation Team. Weather conditions were cold and clear with frozen ground conditions. No offsite impacts were identified during the inspection. This site is completely reclaimed, and has been granted a Phase I bond release. The permittee recently began minor exploration, core drilling activities. The permittee intends to reopen the reclaimed portals and access the A coal seam under a major exploration permit that is currently being reviewed by OGM.

I reviewed permitting, environmental monitoring, and correspondence files in the OGM Salt Lake City offices including the following: liability insurance is current through 11/5/2007, minor exploration notice of intent dated 6/19/06 and revised 10/17/06, UPDES permit modification approved 10/13/06 to allow alternate sediment control of temporary ground water discharge from 9 (core) boreholes. The boreholes are to be reclaimed within 2 weeks of completion. November 28, 2006, CCC permit renewal application for the Hidden Valley Mine, 9/27/06 letter verifying bond amount of \$90,758, 9/22/06 MOAC Archaeological Consultants letter identifying arch. sites in proximity to the borehole locations and proposed roadways, 8/11/06 SHPO clearance # 2563 for the 9 exploration boreholes, and the November 8, 2006, OGM letter to CCC listing deficiencies in the major coal exploration submittal. Responses to the deficiencies are to be submitted to OGM by February 8, 2007.

Mr. Demczak further oriented me on the way to the mine, described the inspection to CCC representatives, and we began the inspection by reviewing one of the borehole locations. Drilling was being conducted as approved, and no water was being discharged during the inspection. Depth to the A seam is approximately 260 feet in this area. The proposed major exploration area in CCC surface and CCC leased coal. As mentioned above, the permittee currently intends to remove up to 250,000 tons of A seam coal by redeveloping the reclaimed A seam portal and utilizing room and pillar mining. This coal will be used for test burns. We continued the inspection by walking the reclaimed haul road, and observing the reclaimed portal and facilities areas. No problems were noted on the reclaimed areas, and this concluded the inspection.

Please address any question concerning this inspection report to Henry Austin, Senior Reclamation Specialist, at [haustin@osmre.gov](mailto:haustin@osmre.gov) or to (303) 844-1400 x1466.