

September 7, 1982

Inspection Memo
to Coal File

RE: Natomas Trail Mountain Coal Company
Trail Mountain Mine
ACT/015/009
Emery County, Utah

The above mentioned mining operation was visited by Ken Wyatt, Field Specialist for the Division Oil, Gas and Mining, and Jodie Merriman, Office of Surface Mining, on August 17 and 18, 1982. The purpose of the inspection was to look at the slope stabilization work that was done just north of the upper access, and to examine the mine area for general environmental compliance for the OSM oversight program.

On August 17, 1982, Andy King and Allen Childs were not available to accompany inspectors. Mr. Glade Hone accompanied these inspectors on August 17. Allen Childs accompanied these inspectors on the August 18 tour.

At the time of this inspection the slope stabilization work had been completed for compliance with NOV 82-2-4-1. Rip-rap was still being placed in the stream channel. This rip-rap is to go four feet up on each side of the stream embankment.

One area of concern was given for water rights certificate #93-709. Livestock watering for 20 head of cattle was listed as the nature of use. This should be changed using the applicable forms to mining and industrial uses, within one week or August 24, 1982.

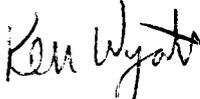
The use of rip-rap below the outlet of the 48 inch undisturbed drainage culvert was discussed. The operator plans to place rip-rap below this area to protect against erosion of the embankments. The inlet to this 48 inch culvert was partially blocked due to debris and leaf litter that had accumulated on the trash rack. The operator agreed to have this cleaned out within the next several days.

Additional topsoil was salvaged during the slope stabilization work. This material was stored adjacent to the already stockpiled topsoil just north of the shop. The berm surrounding this stockpile should be reestablished since it was damaged during the relocation of the additional topsoil.

During coal loading and hauling activities extreme dust is created in the vicinity of the weighing station and guard house. The use of the water truck to control fugitive dust in this area was discussed with the operator. Mr. Childs stated that it would be little inconvenience for the water truck to

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drive through this area and control dust in this manner. This method of fugitive dust control is discussed in section 11-4 of Trail Mountain's MRP. No violations were observed at this time.


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cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM
Allen Childs, Natomas Trail Mountain Coal Company
Inspection Staff

Statistics:

Vehicle: EX #45428 - - 548 miles
Per diem: 1 person X 1 day, 12.5 hrs = \$60.78
Grant: A & E